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FINNS OPEN DAMS; TRAP REDS

42 REPUBLICANS TO HORNER: HALT TRIBUTE MONEY

Protest 2 Pct. Levy for Democrats.

Republican legislators joined in a scathing round-robin telegram to Gov. Horner yesterday, protesting against the "tarnished tribute" being collected from state employees by the Illinoisans, a group of statehouse pay rollers who are gathering funds for the 1940 Democratic campaign.



Speaker Cross (top) and Senator Benson.

Forty-two assemblymen, headed by Speaker Hugh W. Cross of the house of representatives, and Senator Arnold P. Benson, G. O. P. leader in the upper chamber, demanded that the governor, who has announced his third term candidacy, take immediate action to stop the solicitation.

The wire pointed to the fact that the 2 per cent per month's salaries is taxpayer's money appropriated by the legislature "in all good faith."

Stiles Sends Message. A. K. Stiles of Sycamore, Republican state chairman, was authorized by the legislators to send the wire to Mr. Horner at Springfield. He did so with the following comment:

"This building up of a huge Democratic war chest by shaking down public employes for 2 per cent of their salaries must stop. The citizens of this state are demanding action and as the opposing political agency we shall serve them. My state to Gen. Clininn [G. O. P. state civil service commissioner] was the first step; this telegram by our aroused legislators is the second move. We promise we shall prosecute this matter until this unlawful practice is ended."

Message to Governor. The wire to the governor follows: "As members of the 61st general assembly, we are profoundly shocked at information that taxpayers' money, which was voted for the salaries of state employes, including those under civil service, is being solicited from these employes for use as a Democratic campaign fund."

Senators Who Protested. The following senators added their names: Thomas P. Gunning, Princeton; T. MacDowning, Macomb; Charles H. Thompson, Harrisburg; George C. Dixon, Dixon; Charles F. Carpenter, Moline; Arthur J. Bidwill, River Forest; Norman G. Flagg, Moro, and Edward E. Laughlin, Freeport.

Representatives signing the wire, in addition to Speaker Cross, were: John A. Bingham, Galena; Frederick W. Rennick, Buda; Clinton Searle, Rock Island; Ray A. Dillingier, Decatur; Lew Wallace, Mattoon; Lottie Holman O'Neill, Downers Grove; J. Ward Smith, Ottawa; David L. Swanson, Chicago; Arthur W. Sprague, La Grange; James E. Davis, Galesburg; Maud N. Peffers, Aurora; George B. Allen, Braceville; James A. Nowlan, Toulon; John W. Speakman, Danville.

Others Signing Wire. Also Representatives Elmer P. Hiter, Ottawa; Arnold L. Lund, Riverside; C. A. Bruer, Pontiac; Charles J. Jenkins, Chicago; Harold D. Keiser, Barrington; Leo D. Crowley, Peoria; Dennis J. Collins, De Kalb; Elroy C. Sandquist, Chicago; Berice T. Van Der Vries, Winnetka. George S. Brydia, Prophetstown; I. A. Palmer, West Frankfort; A. Andrew Torrence, Chicago; Abner Field, Golconda; Michael F. Browner, Mound City, and Dan Dlinen, Decatur.

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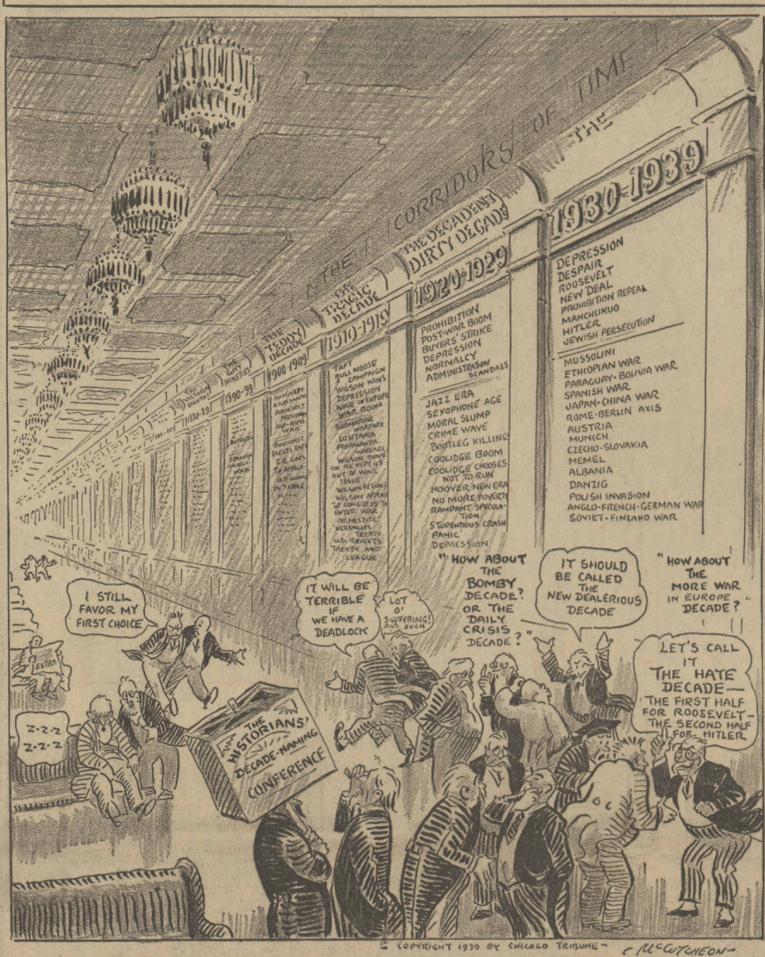
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THE WEATHER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1939. SUNSHINE, 7:07. SUNSET, 4:19. MOON SETS AT 4:33 p. m. Mars and Venus are evening stars. Jupiter and Saturn are night luminaries. CHICAGO AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday; slightly colder Sunday and Sunday night; moderate westerly wind shifting to northwest and north. ILLINOIS: Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday; somewhat colder Sunday night, and in north and central Sunday afternoon. TEMPERATURES IN CHICAGO. For 24 hours ended 2 a. m. Dec. 10: 3 a. m., 39. 9 a. m., 40. 3 p. m., 47. 9 p. m., 51. 4 a. m., 39. 10 a. m., 44. 4 p. m., 50. 10 p. m., 51. 5 a. m., 38. 11 a. m., 49. 5 p. m., 54. 11 p. m., 50. 6 a. m., 38. Noon., 52. 6 p. m., 55. Midn., 50. 7 a. m., 38. 1 p. m., 55. 7 p. m., 55. 1 a. m., 49. 8 a. m., 38. 2 p. m., 56. 8 p. m., 51. 2 a. m., 49. "Highest," lowest, 41. Unofficial 8 p. m.—2 a. m. For 24 hours ended 6:30 p. m. Dec. 9: Mean temperature, 42 degrees; normal 31 degrees; December excess, 67 degrees; excess since Jan. 1, 322 degrees. Precipitation, none; December excess, .25 inch. Total since Jan. 1, 27.46 inches. Deficiency since Jan. 1, 3.96 inches. Highest wind velocity, 22 miles an hour, from the southwest, at 12:17 p. m. [Detailed weather report on page 16.]

THE HISTORIANS MEET TO GIVE A NAME TO THE DYING DECADE



Butcher Shoots from Ambush; Kills a Robber

(Pictures on page 9.) One of the three robbers who went into the meat market of John Thiel at 1726 Orchard street last evening was careless. Thiel shot and killed him before the bandit could fire his own pistol. The other robbers deserted their companion and fled. Thiel and his helper, Harry Lartz, 1235 Wellington avenue, were at work in the shop. Three men sauntered up to the door. One man, unarmed, walked in and ordered a pound of sausage from Lartz Thiel, who had seen the others and suspected their intentions, went to the rear and concealed himself in a refrigerator, where he kept a pistol.

Watches from Rear. He was watching thru a window when the pair walked in with drawn pistols. They told Lartz to raise his hands. Lartz obeyed. Then one man started marching the butcher to the rear while the others moved toward the cash register. As Lartz and his captor passed the refrigerator door, which was open, Thiel fired. His first bullet struck the bandit near the heart and he died immediately. In the room behind the refrigerator were Thiel's wife, Theresa, and his mother, Mrs. Martha Thiel. They were unaware of the robbery attempt until they heard the shot.

Slain Man Had Record. "They've been telling me I'm going to get hurt battling robbers," Thiel said. "It was a great relief to them when they found I wasn't hurt. Some months ago I shot at a pair of robbers and missed. My technique is improving." The slain man was identified by a driver's license card as Louis De Simone, 21 years old, 1104 Taylor street. Police records showed that he was sentenced on July 26, 1938, to a year in the county jail after he had been found guilty of robbery with a gun. At his home it was learned that De Simone was to have been married next Sunday to Miss Phyllis Gravenit, 19 years old, 719 Miller street. She was with the young man's mother when news of his death reached them. They wept together. A watch De Simone had worn, engraved "Phyllis to Louis," was returned by the police to Miss Gravenit.

QUEZON PREFERS HELL TO HEAVEN IF LATTER IS GUIDED BY AMERICA

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 9 (AP).—President Manuel Quezon said tonight: "I prefer a government run like hell by Filipinos to a government run like heaven by Americans." Independence is to become effective in the islands in 1946. Quezon's remarks were prompted by an interuniversity oratorical contest sponsored by the Civil Liberties Union of the Philippines. One contestant discussed reexamination of the Philippine independence question with the view of the United States retaining the islands. Quezon was guest of honor at the contest.

HOUSE PROBES RAID NLRB FILES; HINT SENSATIONS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9 (AP).—Members of the house committee investigating the National Labor Relations board disclosed tonight that their agents had removed a truckload of correspondence from the board's files and hinted broadly that some letters bordered on the sensational. Discussing the hearings to open Monday, they said one aim would be to determine whether the correspondence of board officials represented simple indiscretions or a desire to be partial.

Today—RAPHAEL'S "MADONNA OF THE CHAIR" PAGE SIZE IN NATURAL COLOR The First Direct Reproduction in American Newspaper History! See it in today's Roto Picture Section

Bible Is Still the Best Story of All Time

Virtually all Protestant churches today are celebrating Bible Sunday, and a stock taking on this day shows that the Bible has lost none of its popularity. It still is the ages' best seller. There are many evidences, among these: 1. The Chicago Bible society today begins observance of its centennial celebration, which will be launched at both services of the Sunday Evening club in Orchestra hall. 2. The society reports that it receives calls for an average of 13,500 Bibles each day. One order is for 3,000 copies of the New Testament to be placed in Good Fellow and other Christmas baskets.

600 Word History. 3. Dr. J. L. McLaughlin, executive secretary of the society, made public on the eve of the centennial a plain language history in 600 words of the Bible thru the ages to give all readers an understanding of its roots. 4. The demand for Catholic Bibles, corresponding to that made upon the Protestant society, is to be met by a published revision early next year of the Douay-Rheims text. "This work has been in progress for four years under the direction of a score of Catholic scholars appointed by the episcopal committee of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, Mo., is supervising the revision. Language Is Modernized. Bishop O'Hara said that although the Douay-Rheims text is being followed faithfully, some modernizations in language were found necessary. The old word "tidings," for example, has been changed to "news." In the King James version of the angels' carol, the language is, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The revised Catholic text reads, "... and on earth peace to men of good will."

Dr. McLaughlin said that the present demand upon the Chicago Bible society is without precedent. During the last 11 months 1,350,000 copies have been distributed thru its offices at 35 East Wacker drive. Many times that number have been distributed thru the venerable American Bible society of New York, of which the Chicago society is an affiliate. Dr. McLaughlin's 600 word history of "How We Got Our Bible" follows: "The ancient Hebrews possessed [Continued on page 14, column 3.]

CHARGE OF NAZI AID TO FINLAND STIRS MOSCOW

Germany Criticized by Soviet Agency.

MOSCOW, Dec. 10, Sunday.—There was a sensational development in Russian-German relations at 2 o'clock this morning, when, for the first time since the signing of the soviet-German nonaggression and friendship pact, Tass, the official news agency, issued a bulletin which was openly critical of Germany. Tass issued the message under the heading, "German and Italian Shipment of Arms for Finland."

A subsequent bulletin was issued directing that in printing the above heading there should be a question mark inserted at the end. Germany Sends Guns. A message which was sent to the Tass agency by its Stockholm correspondent said London correspondents of the newspaper Svenska Dagbladet and Dagens Nyheter assert that according to information received by them in British circles, Germany recently sent to Finland anti-aircraft guns and a large number of artillery pieces.

All war equipment was purported to have been sent to Finland by way of Scandinavian ports and thence by railroad to the destination in Finland. The same correspondents were reported to have written that Germany has allegedly proposed to Finland that she would supply still more arms at a "lower price."

Hints French Also Aid. Germany, adds the Tass correspondent, quoting the Dagens Nyheter London correspondent, also permitted the transit of Italian arms intended for Finland. Italy to St. Savoja bombing planes en route to Finland allegedly have not only been flown over German territory but also are reported to have landed in Germany to be refueled with German gasoline. The Tass message acquires added significance when linked with a second message, also by an official Tass agency correspondent in London. This dispatch says English official circles do not confirm a Stockholm report to the effect that the French government has ordered 100 fighter planes in Britain for shipment to Finland. It is probably also the first time since the conclusion of the Russian-German pact that the Tass agency has quoted as credible any statement attributed to British official circles.

Called Charge Against Nazis. In a country not having an officially controlled press the issue of these messages would not seem very remarkable. In the soviet press system not a single line appears which is at variance with the decided policy of the communist party and the soviet government, and every word is weighed before it is published in relation to how far it will promote soviet policy. These siftings are redoubled when the official agency [Tass] is in question. Despite this fact the soviet official agency issued the Stockholm message, which—despite the addition of the question mark as afterthought—definitely reproduces the accusation that Nazis are supplying guns in large quantities to the "enemy of the soviet union" whom she has just attacked, and further that Germany is conniving with Italy, which is aggressively leading the antisoviet front today.

DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE WITH FINNISH NAMES? THIS MAY HELP YOU

The baffling tongue twisters, replete with double vowels, that occur as suffixes in the names of Finnish locations in the soviet-Finn war dispatches have special meanings as keys to terrain and geographical features. Following is a list of suffixes with phonetic pronunciation. The accent is on the first syllable in each case. Saari—strand—sah-ri. The "r" is trilled. Joki—river—yo-ki. Jaervi—lake—yar-vi. Salmi—strait or narrow—sah-mi. Suu—mouth, as of a river—soo. Koski—waterfall—ko-ski. Vaara—mountain ridge—var-ah. Kyla—village—ky-lah. Lahti—gulf, bay or inlet—lah-te. Vesi—small body of water, sometimes designates lake—vay-see.

WITNESS GIVES PICTURE OF WAR ON KARELIAN LINE

WITH THE FINNISH ARMY ON THE KARELIAN FRONT, Dec. 9 (AP).—The Russian army, with artillery and tanks, pounded unsuccessfully today at this strongly held sector of the Finnish front. Specially trained ski troops prepared for new combat. More Russian tanks were captured or destroyed. Finnish airmen reported that they were adding to the enemy's woes by flying over his lines at night and bombing his open camps in the snow.

Reds Face a Tough Job. Seven correspondents went thru an almost incredible maze of barbed wire, tank traps, machine gun nests, artillery emplacements and mantraps on the Finnish side. At one time they could look across a snow covered field and see the Russian lines a half mile away without being seen. The Russians may find traveling thru a territory of ingeniously laid snares considerably more difficult than rolling into Poland, whatever their numbers.

The only roads thru and around this checkerboard of forests, frozen lakes and great patches of bare rock wind so intricately that it is almost impossible for a stranger to keep his direction without a compass. Finns Keep Cows at Front. It is easy to understand how the Finns have been able to trap and destroy so many Russian tanks. Despite zero temperatures, the Finns are moderately comfortable in tents with stoves. Even cows are kept near the front. The Finns are so sure of themselves they have built saunas [bathhouses] in order to take the baths for which they are noted. The Finns say the Russians have no tents.

The correspondents climbed a sparsely wooded slope about three-fourths of a mile from the first Russian lines and a lookout apparently noted moving black-coated figures against the white hill. Russian artillery fire, apparently from a 15 centimeter [6 inch] gun, soon was whistling over the hill. The expedition to view recently destroyed Russian tanks was abandoned.

Lunch on Hot Porridge. We visited the colonel of the regiment at his tent headquarters and lunched on large bowls of hot porridge with plenty of butter and bread. A radio was going in one corner, bringing news broadcasts and finally the "Song of Finland." The colonel said the Russians were using fewer tanks, since they had lost so many. He said four were captured yesterday and destroyed.

London's Small Business Fights to Survive War

BY DAVID DARRAH. [Chicago Tribune Press Service.] LONDON, Dec. 9.—War conditions hit small tradesmen and storekeepers about as hard as they do the working man's wife, it appears. The grocer is lagging behind with his rent. He always used to be better off than his customers. But now consider the case of one of Oliver Twist's kinsmen who runs a grocery in an East London side street. How's business? you ask him. Rotten, he'll tell you. Thousands Face Ruin. The war threatens to ruin thousands of London's small traders. Discussing their plight, this East London grocer explained that rising costs of living and increasing unemployment are forcing most customers to cut down on purchases. The evacuation also has hit them hard. When the exodus of women and children started in September, many left for the country without paying their bills. They needed ready cash to buy clothes, blankets, and footwear for the children. Outstanding debts were ignored and the grocer's claims forgotten.

Additional Troubles. In the East End unemployment is growing because clothing workers and dock workers, the backbone of small businesses, are losing their jobs due to war dislocation. The storekeepers are living from hand to mouth. Prices are up and profits are lower. Enforcement of the butter, sugar, and bacon rationing five weeks before the official date and the scarcity of commodities add further to their woes. The text of tonight's communique: "Dec. 8 fighting continued on the Taipale river on the eastern Karelian isthmus. "The whole eastern front was the object of enemy attacks. Our troops

RUSSIAN TROOPS SWEEP AWAY BY FLOOD WATERS

Many Others Shot Down in Icy Morass.

BULLETIN. STOCKHOLM, Dec. 9 (AP).—Swedish reports from Helsingfors said Finnish warplanes today bombed Kronstadt, Russian port 20 miles west of Leningrad.

BY DONALD DAY. [Chicago Tribune Press Service.] HELSINGFORS, Finland, Dec. 9.—While the Finns tonight were holding fast to their lines on the Karelian isthmus, it was disclosed that masses of soviet soldiers had been swept away and drowned when the Finns released impounded waters of the lakes in the neighborhood of Terijoki.

This defense move was prepared last autumn when the Finns anticipated Russian aggression. The impounded waters covered fertile farms, which today are deep morasses clogged with freezing water and blocks of ice. Other Russian regiments later floundered thru these ice blocks as machine guns and other weapons fired by Finnish marksmen from behind rocky mounds and forest thickets took heavy toll. Many of those who survived the deadly Finnish fire were captured.

Reds Lose 25,000 Men. The Russians are reported to have lost upwards of 25,000 men in the ten days of fighting since the war began. A majority of the outposts of the Finnish Mannerheim line still are repulsing mass attacks of the Red army.

[Moscow claimed last night that the Red army had penetrated the main Finnish defenses in Karelia and had made advances ranging up to 50 miles in other parts of Finland.] The Russians taken prisoner say, they now are eating the best meals they ever have tasted. The Finns have established only a light guard over their prisoners, whose chief thoughts are about their next meals. Their talk chiefly concerns the hospitable treatment they have received and their amazement at the good living conditions in Finland and the equipment of the Finnish army.

Segregated from Commissars. The prisoners are segregated from the soviet political commissars, a few of whom have been captured. The commissars, who share command of the Red army with the regular officers, must receive protection from the soldiers, whom they had deceived with their propaganda. The commissars told the soldiers that the Finns were killing most prisoners or that they would starve to death if captured, because, they said, Finland already was suffering dire famine. One of the things which has amazed the Russians, according to the prisoners, is the great distances and the accuracy with which the Finns can throw hand grenades. The exploits of Finnish companies, which have repulsed entire soviet regiments, caused the Russians to think they were fighting against supermen.

Russian soldiers, they relate, can throw grenades only a quarter of the distance reached by the Finns, whose four most popular sports include javelin and discus throwing. The latter two are running and baseball. Defend Ancient Monasteries. Two ancient Russian Orthodox monasteries are being defended by the Lutheran Finns against the atheistic Red troops. The monks continue to hold their usual daily divine services, during which special prayers are offered for the success of the Finnish armed forces. One of these monasteries, Valamo, situated on a small island archipelago in the northwestern corner of Lake Ladoga, is being defended by Finnish coast artillery against attacks of a soviet destroyer, light gunboats, and bombing planes. The other, in the Petsamo district in the arctic, is the home of some 50 monks, whose chief income is derived from growing timothy hay, which they export to Norway.

The port of Petsamo still is held by the Finns, although most of the homes in this arctic town have been burned to prevent the Russians from obtaining shelter should they capture the town. Text of Communique. The text of tonight's communique: "Dec. 8 fighting continued on the Taipale river on the eastern Karelian isthmus. "The whole eastern front was the object of enemy attacks. Our troops