

# Russians Slash at Stubborn Finns in Snow Near Viipuri

**Reds Attack Desperately On 22d Birthday of Army and Navy.**

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The Soviet Government has ordered night raid blackout training at Baku, center of the Russian oil industry, and that previously orders had been issued for blackout practice at Tashkent, Erivan, Archangel and Leningrad.

The real significance of this news seemed to be shown by the situation of the areas affected.

Baku, on the Caspian Sea, is 290 miles from the Turkish frontier. Thence export oil is sent across country to Batoum on the Black Sea.

Tashkent, in the Uzbek republic, is 300 miles from the Afghanisthan frontier.

## Article Is Broadcast

Erivan, capital of the Armenian republic, is but about 15 miles from the Turkish frontier.

Archangel is on the White Sea, 300 miles east of the Finnish Arctic frontier and Leningrad, at the southern end of the Karelian Isthmus, is general headquarters for the Russian armies in Finland.

The Pravda editorial was broadcast by the Moscow Radio.

It was noted that the editorial apropos of the "heroism of the thousands on the Finnish front, which will be praised in the songs of the people," commented:

"There is much more ahead of you. The duty of every Red soldier, Red sailor, commander and political commissar is to continue extensive military training and to be ready at any time for new battles in any climatic condition."

## Pride in Army Stressed

The editorial, published on the 22d anniversary of the formal establishment of the Red Army and Navy was entitled:

"Red Army—pride of our nation."

It extolled the achievements of the Army in Finland and called 1939 a year of decisive military tests for the defenders of the Soviet Union.

An Army communique said that in the Karelian Isthmus "Soviet troops, repulsing the enemy," occupied 21 Finnish defensive fortifications in all.

## Once Russian Division Now Litters Many Acres

WITH FINNISH ARMY NORTH-EAST OF LAKE LADOGA, Feb. 23 (U. P.).—The 18th Russian Division from Jaroslavl still lies on the field here, a litter of twisted metal and dead men covering many acres.

Russian relief columns arriving too late to rescue the 18th, are sharing a similar fate. The Finns are mopping up now, hampered only by Russian airplanes.

The annihilation of the 18th Division is weeks old now, but still one of the Finnish Army's proudest accomplishments.

The Finnish general on this front said that at one point in the road, where 500 Russians' bodies carpeted the snow, the Russians were warned by loud speaker that they would be destroyed unless they threw their rifles over their shoulders and knelt in token of surrender. The Russians replied with machine gun fire, the general said and a little later the Finns mowed them down with machine guns.

"Practically no one escaped," the general said, "we gave them a chance to surrender."

## CLAIM RFC OFFICIALS SUGGESTED LOAN BAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (U. P.).—Two National Labor Board officials related today that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation itself first suggested an arrangement whereby RFC loans were held up in cases of companies alleged to be violating the Wagner Act.

Their testimony before the House Committee investigating the Labor Board directly contradicted previous statements by RFC Chairman Emil Schram that the Labor Board proposed the arrangement.

The House means unanimously voted \$50,000 more for the investigating committee headed by Rep. Howard W. Smith (D. Va.).

# IN INDIANAPOLIS

## Here Is the Traffic Record DEATHS TO DATE

	County	City	Total
1939	4	5	9
1940	4	7	10

—Feb. 22—

Injured 9 | Arrests 26

Dead 1 | Accidents 15

## THURSDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Violations	Cases Convicted	Fines tried
Speeding	7	\$32
Reckless driving	3	21
Failure to stop at through street	7	10
Disobeying traffic signal	8	7
Drunk driving	0	0
All others	12	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>\$71</b>

## MEETINGS TODAY

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Severin, noon.

Elks Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Hoosier State Press Assn., convention, Hotel Lincoln.

Child Welfare League of America, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Indiana State Association Life Underwriters, meeting, Claypool Hotel, 4 p. m.

Indiana Motor Rate & Tariff Board, luncheon, Hotel Severin, noon.

## MEETINGS TOMORROW

Hoosier State Press Association, convention, Hotel Lincoln.

E. C. Atkins & Co., Pioneers, banquet, Hotel Severin.

Elks Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Indiana State Association Life Underwriters, meeting, Claypool Hotel, 4 p. m.

Indiana Engineering Council, convention, Hotel Lincoln, Saturday.

## BIRTHS

Cloris, Baby Kelley, at Coleman.

Vaughn, Pauline Benjamin, at City.

Lawrence, Armita Kramer, at St. Vincent.

William, Elizabeth Matheson, at St. Vincent.

John, Olive Kerr, at St. Vincent's.

Isadore, Esther Sacks, at Methodist.

Arnold, Edna Truett, at Methodist.

## Chains of Love



Times-Acme Telephoto.

Melvin F. Mueller of Clayton, Mo., admitted in a St. Louis County jail that he chained himself to a tree for three days seeking sympathy of the girl who did not return his love.

## 83,000 GOT AID HERE LAST YEAR

**Assistance to Fifth of Population Costs Taxpayers More Than 11 Million.**

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continued drops in direct relief and WPA, for there will be no curtailment in other aid programs and no decreases are anticipated in the population of State and County institutions.

## Breakdown Is Given

A breakdown on the various aid expenditures in the state last year, not including administration costs, follows:

Wages to 81,033 WPA workers whose families numbered 324,132—\$44,124,000; pensions to 62,184 aged—\$12,765,320; direct relief to an estimated 177,905 persons in 53,797 families—\$9,698,200; care of 20,663 individuals in 19 State institutions—\$5,439,984; aid to dependent children—\$5,429,849; NYA aid to 22,000—\$1,853,000; wages to 6288 youths in CCC camps—\$1,662,630; aid to 2774 blind persons—\$583,741.

The estimated expenditures in the county were:

Wages to 10,212 WPA workers with families totaling 40,848—\$7,186,000; direct relief to 26,929 persons in 9717 households—\$1,528,078; aid to 7028 aged—\$1,524,456; aid to 4506 dependent children—\$867,106; NYA aid to 2321 youths—\$162,000; aid to 287 blind, \$75,265; care of 500 at the County Infirmary—\$69,350; feeding an average of 270 prisoners daily in the County Jail—\$28,000; wages to 871 county youths in CCC camps—\$26,130.

## Cost Divided 3 Ways

Who paid for this assistance?

The WPA costs were paid by the Federal Government and the sponsoring local units. The Federal Government provided 50 per cent of the pensions to the aged, the State 30 per cent and the County 20 per cent.

Direct relief costs were paid by township taxpayers, while the State institutions were supported by the State.

The State financed 40 per cent of the cost of aid to dependent children, the Federal Government 33 per cent and counties 27 per cent.

NYA and CCC cash was furnished entirely by the Federal Government while blind aid was divided equally between the State and Federal Governments.

## OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST — Rain tonight and tomorrow, probably changing to snow tomorrow; warmer tonight with lowest about 34; much colder tomorrow night.

Sunrise	6:27	Sunset	5:30
TEMPERATURE			
—Feb. 23, 1939—			
4 a. m.	21	11 a. m.	25
BAROMETER			
6:30 a. m.	30.45		

Precipitation 24 hours ending 7 a. m. — .01  
Total precipitation since Jan. 1. — .12  
Deficiency since Jan. 1. — 2.02

## MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana—Moderate snow and rain in extreme north; intermittent rain in south; light rain in central portion; warmer tonight; becoming colder west portion tomorrow afternoon; much colder tomorrow night.

Illinois—Moderate snow and rain in north; intermittent light rain in south; light rain in central portion; warmer tonight; colder tomorrow and tomorrow night.

Lower Michigan—Cloudy, followed by moderate snow tonight and tomorrow; rain in extreme south; becoming colder southeast and extreme south portions; warmer tonight; colder tomorrow night.

Ohio—Snow tonight and tomorrow; warmer tonight and in east portion tomorrow.

Kentucky—Snow tonight and tomorrow; changing to rain tomorrow in west portion; warmer tonight and in east portion tomorrow.

## WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES, 6:30 A. M.

Station	Weather	Bar.	Temp.
Albany, N. Y.	Cloudy	30.12	23
Birmingham, Ala.	Cloudy	30.12	23
Boston	Cloudy	30.12	23
Chicago	Cloudy	30.12	23
Cincinnati	Cloudy	30.12	23
Cleveland	Cloudy	30.12	23
Denver	Cloudy	30.12	23
Detroit	Cloudy	30.12	23
Helena, Mont.	Cloudy	30.12	23
Indianapolis	Cloudy	30.12	23
Kansas City, Mo.	Cloudy	30.12	23
Little Rock, Ark.	Cloudy	30.12	23
Los Angeles	Cloudy	30.12	23
Memphis	Cloudy	30.12	23
Mobile, Ala.	Cloudy	30.12	23
New Orleans	Cloudy	30.12	23
New York	Cloudy	30.12	23
Oklahoma City	Cloudy	30.12	23
Omaha, Neb.	Cloudy	30.12	23
Pittsburgh	Cloudy	30.12	23
Portland, Ore.	Cloudy	30.12	23
San Antonio, Tex.	Cloudy	30.12	23
San Francisco	Cloudy	30.12	23
St. Louis	Cloudy	30.12	23
Tampa, Fla.	Cloudy	30.12	23
Washington, D. C.	Cloudy	30.12	23

## DECISIVE PHASE SEEMS NEAR IN BATTLE OF OIL

**Nazi Economic Expert Heads For Bucharest Where Allies Seek to Curb Exports.**

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

Times Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Monday may see the beginning of a decisive phase in the struggle for oil, the most vital of all war commodities.

Dr. Karl Clodius, German economic expert, is scheduled to begin negotiations in Bucharest for a larger share of Rumanian oil. Already Germany has used pressure, but in vain, to Britain and France have blocked the Nazi moves, so a showdown seems imminent.

All this is far more important than might appear on the surface. Experts generally agree that Germany's front is permanently deadlocked. The Nazis can hardly expect to break through the Maginot Line and the Allies are up against an equally impenetrable Westwall.

So a decision must be sought elsewhere—either around the ends of these powerful lines of defense, via Holland and Belgium or Switzerland, or by a victory at sea, in the air or in some other field such as the Balkans or the Near East.

## Oil Vital to Both Sides

In any event, oil is vital to both sides. But to Germany it is an Achilles heel. She has little in the way of natural deposits. The bulk of her production is manufactured synthetically. And that is far from enough. She must have oil from the outside—from Russia, from Rumania and from overseas.

The Allies, therefore, are developing what their experts frankly call an "oil strategy." If they can cut off Germany's oil supply, they will win the war hands down. That is one of the chief purposes of their sea blockade. But this time the sea blockade alone will not suffice.

## Unlike the World War days, Germany now has an open door to the East, via Russia.

If she could count on a steady and increasing flow of oil from Russia and Rumania, this, added to what she herself produces, might suffice to keep the war going indefinitely.

Rumania is testing ground.

Hence the "oil strategy" of the Allies. If they could prevent any large supply of oil and similar necessities like cotton, rubber, food, wool and so on from reaching Germany from the South and East as well as from the West, Adolf Hitler's hope of victory would fade.

## Rumania, therefore, may now become a testing ground. The Nazis are threatening her with virtual extinction unless she permits the shipment of the bulk of her output to Germany.

The Allies on the other hand, have warned King Carol that if he yields they may withdraw their promise of assistance in case Rumania is attacked.

And King Carol desperately needs assistance. Rumania is menaced by both Germany and Russia, while Hungary and Bulgaria claim territory annexed from them by Rumania.

Million Men Armed

The Allies are prepared for trouble in the Balkans and the Near East, whether growing out of Germany's demands on Rumania or something else. More than a million men are under arms in that region, ready to march against Germany and/or Russia the moment the need arises.

Gen. Maxime Weygand, Marshal Foch's chief of staff in the World War, is in Syria at the head of some 250,000 of the fiercest and best-trained fighters drawn from every part of the French empire. In Palestine and at Suez are increasing contingents of British troops—English, Indian and Anzac.

## Egypt is fast building up her army. And last but by no means least, Turkey, stubbornly determined to prevent any change in the status quo anywhere in the region of the Dardanelles or Eastern Mediterranean.

Rumania is keenly aware of her danger and is mobilizing additional men. Should Herr Hitler use force against King Carol, it might set the whole Balkans and Near East ablaze. The Allies would almost certainly not only go to Rumania's aid, but strike at the Russian oil centers around Baku and Batoum whence Russia derives practically her entire supply. The pipe lines carrying this oil are within two hours bombing time from British and French bases in Iraq and Syria.

## Oil Companies' Experts Gather in Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Feb. 23 (U. P.).—Experts of foreign oil companies in Rumania began converging on the capital from the oil fields today in readiness for a struggle over petroleum products which Germany vitally needs and the Allies are determined she shall not get.

Meanwhile it was disclosed that intensive military movements yesterday were directed toward the Hungarian frontier, where there had been 700,000 Rumanian troops already.

Feeling here seemed to be that for the present Rumania had no reason to fear a Russian attack through Bessarabia and that in any event Germany would not permit Russia to take Rumanian oil fields. Hungary has made no secret that it intends to get back Transylvania, which it lost to Rumania after the World War. Hence preoccupation seemed to be with Hungary's position.

Parliament was convoked today for March 5 to approve a number of decree laws issued since its last session.

## M'KELVEY HEADS LETTER CARRIERS

C. L. McKelvey, Greenfield, has been elected president of the 11th and 12th districts of the Indiana Rural Letter Carriers' Association. The election took place yesterday at the close of the eighth annual convention in the Hotel Lincoln.

Mr. McKelvey succeeds William B. Pouts, Indianapolis. Harvey R. Kemerly of Greenfield was elected vice president and Paul Wright, Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

## 3 FACE CHARGES OF RUNNING LOTTERY

Three men are to be arraigned in Municipal Court today on charges of operating a lottery and gift enterprise at the Ohio Theater, 40 W. Ohio St.

Police said they made the arrests when they found a drawing in progress at the theater.

Those arrested are George Settos, 1 E. 36th St., the manager, and two employees, Orvin Moore, 1530 N. Illinois St. and William H. Douglas, 3155 Boulevard Place.

The manager and an employee were acquitted on similar charges in Municipal Court recently.

## WORK TO BEGIN ON TRIAL SAFETY ZONE

Installation of the trial safety zone designed to prevent autos from colliding head-on with it and to protect persons on the island from injury, will begin Monday at the northwest corner of Illinois and Maryland Sts.

Announcement was made by Carl Herschel, engineer for the Indianapolis Accident Prevention Council.

The island will be paid for by interested organizations and will cost the City nothing. The Works Board gave its approval today.

## WASHINGTON IDEALS STRESSED IN SPEECH

Times Special

MARION, Ind., Feb. 23.—Clarence R. Martin, Indianapolis, urged adherence to George Washington's ideals when he addressed the Washington Birthday banquet of the Samaritan Lodge, F. & A. M., here last night.

Mr. Martin is Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. He said in part:

"Economic problems growing out of a world-wide depression, following burdensome terms of an unwelcome peace imposed 20 years ago, centuries of strife over boundaries and commercial dominations, together with the dreams of further power by the leaders of the nations of Europe, already drunk with power, have led those nations into war."

"If we keep out of foreign wars, as we should and can, the external aspects of these warring nations should not affect us. But the movements within them, the internal social and political upheavals and revolutions, we should study. We should profit by the experience in government of the nations around us now, and by the nations of the past, which through their errors have fallen."

## Labor and Capital Breach Closing, Coast Man Says

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This was attained in practice by the labor councils agreeing not to sanction a strike until they had consulted with the Employers Council.

"As a result strikes have been kept to a minimum," Mr. Roth said. "Since the first of the year we have had three disputes—a two-hour strike, a two-day strike, and a jurisdictional dispute."

He said he thought this attitude was spreading throughout the country. The result on the country's business could be shown graphically by strike cost figures.

"The cost of the recent Chrysler strike and the shipping strike on the West Coast in 1936 equals six times the total funds collected in 1939 by 365 community chests," Mr. Roth said.

In addition to the longer waiting period, the Employers Council has attempted, with some success, to get longer contracts. This movement

is spreading through the United States, Mr. Roth said.

"Each contract renewal period brings a period of uncertainty, especially, as in our case, to shippers," he declared. "As we decrease the frequency of these renewals, we can increase the confidence of manufacturers, industrialists and shippers."

He said a recent survey by the National Association of Manufacturers showed that 38 per cent of those questioned were not making new investments because of fear of lack of profit. Of these, 62 per cent assigned labor troubles as a cause of doubt, he said.

## DIES WATCHING \$80,000 FIRE

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Feb. 23 (U. P.).—Fire swept through a half block of the business district here today, resulting in damage estimated at \$80,000.

Bert Tilton, 67, former Prescott mayor and owner of a music store destroyed by the flames, died of a heart attack caused, physicians said, by excitement.

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