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## THE BUDGET VAST CALL FOR DEFENCE

### "OVERSHADOWING FEATURE"

### "Revenue Fulfilled My Anticipations"

### NATION'S SURPLUS OVER EXPENDITURE

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, OPENING HIS SIXTH BUDGET IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS AFTERNOON SAID THIS YEAR AND FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME THE NATIONAL FINANCES MUST CONTINUE TO BE DOMINATED BY ONE OVERSHADOWING FEATURE—THE VAST EXPENDITURE ON DEFENCE.

The true surplus of current revenue over current ordinary expenditure other than debt redemption was £7,530,000, said Mr Chamberlain. The actual realized Budget deficit was £5,597,000. To give a true picture of the relation between current revenue and expenditure they must bear in mind the amount included in expenditure for redemption of debt.

The Chancellor summarized the experiences of last year by saying that, broadly speaking, the revenue fulfilled his anticipations.

If it had not been for excess of defence expenditure over the provision he had made, which amounted to nearly eight million pounds, he would have ended the year with a formal surplus of nearly two and a quarter million pounds after providing more than £13,000,000 for the redemption of debt. The revenue for 1936-37 realized a total of £797,289,000—a little less than the estimate of £798,381,000, but showed an increase over the previous year of £44,369,000.

### TAXES THAT FELL SHORT

MR Chamberlain, who rose at 3.44 p.m., said "In my financial statement this afternoon I shall follow the usual practice by reviewing the figures of the past year before considering the problems of the future."

"The country is already aware," he added, "of the fact that the revenue for the year ended last year, and for several years to come, national finances have been, and must continue to be, dominated and governed by one overshadowing feature, namely, the vast expenditure upon defence upon which we are engaged."

"That statement is illustrated at once upon an examination of the current year's last Budget. When I struck my final balance a year ago, I expected that, at the close of the year I should find myself in possession of a small surplus, despite the fact that I had made provision for an increase of more than 50 millions in the Defence Services."

"But in the financial year which I again appeared that that provision would be insufficient, and by July in speaking on the third reading of the Finance Bill I indicated that a deficit was probable."

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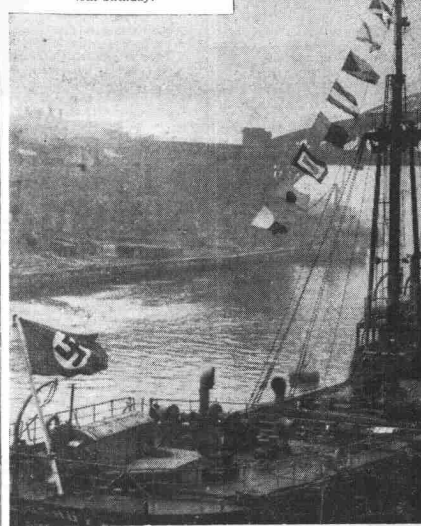
"I made no specific provision in the Budget last year for the payment of contractual sinking fund, and authority was given me by the Finance Bill to borrow for that purpose."

**A Margin**  
"In the end that power was not required, and the £224 millions, the amount of fixed debt charge, was found to have provided a margin over and above the cost of management, and interest of £13,127,000 sufficient to meet the contractual sinking fund of £10,196,000, and to provide a margin of £2,931,000. The true surplus, therefore, of current revenue over current ordinary expenditure through debt reduction was £7,530,000, and broadly speaking the revenue fulfilled my anticipations, and if it had not been for excess of Defence expenditure the provision that I had made which amounted to nearly £8,000,000, I should have ended the year with a surplus of over £2,500,000 after providing for £13,000,000 for redemption of debt."

Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise, taken together realized the expectation of the Budget. The total of Inland Revenue was 207½ millions, a quarter of a million less than the estimate. Income-tax, 23½ millions, fell short of his estimate by one and three-quarter millions, a fact to which he invited the attention of those who thought last year he might have avoided fresh taxation, but he had chosen to be a little more optimistic.

Excise was also disappointing, being

S.S. Hedwigshutte, Hamburg, a regular Wear trader, flying her flags to-day in recognition of her 46th birthday.



### PLOT TO KILL STALIN

### Bomb Found Beneath Box at Theatre

A PLOT to assassinate Stalin as he watched a theatre performance has been discovered, according to a German news agency report from Moscow, states Reuter. The Government, which is frequently attended by Stalin and other members of the Government, was found a few days ago to be undermined and a bomb placed beneath it ready to be exploded at will. There is no doubt, the report adds, that the plot was directed against Stalin himself. The manager of the theatre, Ljadoff, has been arrested. Ljadoff is suspected of Trotskyite intrigue. It is persistently rumored, however, that his arrest has been ordered for other and more sensational reasons.

### CAPE FLIGHT PLAN

### Judge Refuses To Delay Suit Against Airman

When application was made to Mr Justice du Parc in the King's Bench Division to postpone the trial of an action against Flying-officer David Llewellyn, it was stated that he would start to-day on an attempt to beat the Cape-and-back flying record. The application was refused. The full moon would come next Saturday, and the certificate of airworthiness for the machine expired next Monday. In the circumstances, said counsel, it was essential that Flying-officer Llewellyn should start to-day. Mr Ryder Richardson, for Mrs Wyndham, opposed the application. He stated that she pawned her jewels valued at £500 to £600 to finance Llewellyn for his flight. She was now claiming £333 and an account for a half share of the profits.

### 300 MEN "DOWN TOOLS"

Over 300 men were involved in a lightning strike at the Pressed Steel Works at Cowley, Oxford, to-day. The dispute concerns the failure of an employee to join the Union. The Pressed Steel Company's works adjoin the Morris works.



The Rev. T. Hardy (Chaplain to Sunderland Missions to Seamen), on left, greeting Captain Collinson of the S.S. Brinkburn on her arrival in the Wear. Mrs Collinson is also seen in the picture.

## Another British Ship Runs Blockade

### Secret Departure for Bilbao: "I Knew It Could Be Done"

—THE OWNER

NEWS reached this country to-day that another steamer, the Cardiff ship Seven Seas Spray, has arrived at Bilbao with a cargo of food from St. Jean de Luz. The information was received at Cardiff, where the vessel is registered, by the Veronicas Shipping Co., of Portcawl. She is one of the food ships which were held up at St. Jean de Luz. Her master is Captain W. H. Roberts, a Cornishman. The story of the running of the blockade was disclosed by her owner, Mr. A. J. Pope, of Portcawl, in an interview with a Sunderland Echo representative.

**RADIO MESSAGE**  
Mr Pope had just received a terse radio from the Basque Government stating: "Spray arrived Bilbao to-day; all safe." "I knew it could be done," he said.

### The War To-day

The following were among today's war messages:—Madrid was heavily shelled at 10.30 a.m. to-day. Several of the shells proved to be duds, but many lives and great columns of black smoke. Bad weather continues to hold up operations in the Basque front. A message from Gijon says that the Government artillery violently bombarded Oviedo to-day. Ten people have been killed and many severely wounded in an insurgent air raid on Bilbao.

included. "My steamer has shown that the talk of a blockade of Bilbao is all bluff and a British vessel has sailed up the way for shipping to enter Bilbao. We have shown them how simple it can be done. All this talk about blockades and mines has just been a bluff."

"I hope that the Seven Seas Spray has blazed a trail and shown the rest of the world."

## Sunderland Steamer Home: Spanish Coast Thrills

The Sunderland steamer Brinkburn, first vessel to leave the blockaded port of Bilbao since insurgent warships have kept patrol, came into the Wear to-day with a cargo of iron ore for Consett and other customers and takes all the afternoon on the North Coast of Spain.

Twenty-four hours later as a result of very weather in the Bay of Biscay, the Brinkburn, which is managed by S. Marshall & Co. of Sunderland, docked at Consett Quay and began immediately to discharge her cargo, preparatory to sailing on to two days time on another voyage.

Captain Collinson, her Sunderland master, was affectionately greeted by his wife who was waiting on the quay with their sailor son. The captain also received a hearty welcome back to the Rev. Thomas Hardy, Chaplain of Sunderland Missions to Seamen.

Captain Collinson, true to the tradition of British seafaring, refused to allow his eventful voyage to be regarded as anything but a normal occurrence.

**DID NOT INTERFERE**  
"There is no more being made of this Spanish business than is justified," said a Sunderland Echo representative. "We have shown them how simple it can be done. All this talk about blockades and mines has just been a bluff."

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## Coal Strike Majority

### "COMPANY UNIONISM"

### How Durham Voted On Issues

THE British miners' fight against "company unionism" advanced a stage further towards its crisis to-day when The Sunderland Echo understands, from the Durham coalfield, a substantial majority for strike action if necessary to enforce recognition of the Mineworkers' Federation in the Notts coalfield was reported to the National Executive of the Federation.

The Federation met in London to receive the result of the ballot of all the coalfields in the country. According to the ballot papers, the issue which was put to about 600,000 miners was, "Are you in favour of tendering notices with the object of obtaining recognition of the Mineworkers' Federation in the Notts coalfield and to secure adequate assurance to prevent any victimization of the workmen in the Harworth Colliery?"

The Federation is claiming the right of the men there to have a free choice as to which organization they should belong, either the Notts Miners' Association which is affiliated to the Mineworkers' Federation or the Miners' Union, commonly known as the Spencer Union.

Whether the Federation Executive will decide immediately to tender strike notices as the result of the ballot remains to be seen.

It is believed, however, that they will seek to secure free negotiations before plunging the country into a national stoppage.

**DURHAM FIGURES**  
The ballot in the Durham coalfield shows a considerable majority in favour of strike action in order to secure recognition of the Federation in the Harworth Colliery dispute and also to safeguard workers at that colliery from victimization.

Durham County figures are:—  
In favour of strike action 70,337  
Against ... .. 11,668  
Majority ... .. 58,669

### DERATING MEANS TEST?

### Sunderland Suggestion To Chambers of Trade

Derating under some form of means test was a suggestion put forward by Mr W. Priestly, of Sunderland, to-day's meeting of the National Chamber of Trade.

Mr C. P. C. Hinchin (Leeds) said there was a growing opinion that the Derating Act was a pre-conceived plan to shift the burden from the manufacturing industries to the shoulders of the shopkeeper.

The meeting passed a resolution asking the Government to institute a thorough inquiry to ensure that derating shall be restricted to those undertakings which are able to prove necessary conditions.

**PENSIONS PROPOSAL**  
A proposal by Mrs Tate (Conservative, Frome), to raise the income limit £400 for both men and women who join the new widows', orphans', and old-age contributory pension scheme, was rejected to-day by 27 votes to 12 by a Standing Committee of the House of Commons which is considering the Bill.

Income limits thus remain at £400 for men and £250 for women.

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