

GERMANY REVEALS POLISH PAPERS SAYING U. S. ACTIONS, POLICIES FIGURED IN STARTING WAR

Roosevelt Declares There Is 'Scant Prospect' Of Early European Peace

BULLITT AND KENNEDY NAMED IN DOCUMENTS; DENIALS ARE ISSUED

Chief Claims Welles' Data Is Important

Says Trip To Europe Has Resulted In Clarification Of Relations

STATEMENT IS GIVEN

Information Given By Nazi, British Governments To Be Kept Secret

Text of President Roosevelt's statement on the report of Welles is on page Three.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, breaking the official silence on Summer Welles' findings abroad, said today that there was "scant immediate prospect for the establishment of any pact, stable and lasting peace in Europe."

He predicted, however, that the information brought back by his ambassador-at-large would be of the greatest value when the time comes for peace.

In a statement read to his press conference, the chief executive said that Welles' trip to Rome and the subsequent reports had resulted in a clarification of the relations between the United States and the countries which he visited.

He added that he believed it would "assist in certain instances in the development of better understanding and more friendly relations" and would be "of the greatest value to this government in the general conduct of its foreign relations."

He emphasized again that Welles' (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

LOUISIANA STORM LEAVES FOUR DEAD

Two Persons Missing, 35 Injured As High Winds Sweep Pierre Park

PIERRE PART, La., March 29.—(AP)—Tornado winds accompanied by a driving rain swept through here at 11 a. m. today leaving four known dead, two missing, 35 injured and many others believed still buried in debris of the devastated fishing village.

The dead were Mrs. ... Bready, 60, Abner Cavalier, 14, Elma Templet, 14 months, and a Mrs. Templet.

The infant was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Templet. She (Continued on Page Three; Col. 8)

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Thunderstorms and continued mild Saturday; Sunday partly cloudy.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)

Temperature 1:30 a. m. 63; 7:30 a. m. 64; 1:30 p. m. 71; 7:30 p. m. 64; maximum 71; minimum 62; mean 66; normal 57.

Humidity 1:30 a. m. 95; 7:30 a. m. 94; 1:30 p. m. 80; 7:30 p. m. 98.

Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 3.9 inch; total since first of the month 1.40 inches.

Tides For Today (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

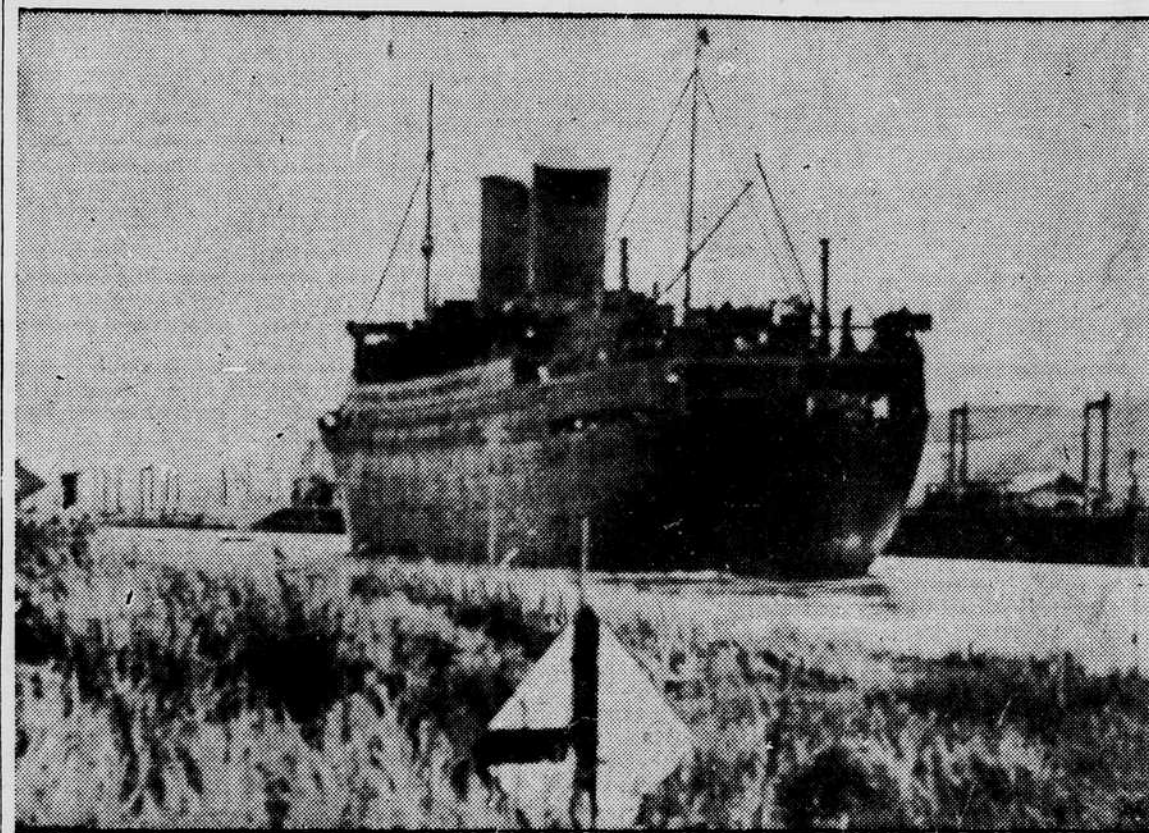
Wilmington High 3:01a 10:20a Low 3:23p 10:41p

Masonboro Inlet High 1:32a 7:13a Low 1:20p 7:27p

Sunrise 6:02a; sunset 6:31p; moonset 0:32a; moonset 11:31a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville, 12.55 feet. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7)

Mauretania In Panama Crossing



The Cunard White Star liner, Mauretania, is shown making the Panama Canal crossing to the Pacific for what many believe will be a job of transporting troops from Australia to the Near East. She reached the canal after a five-day dash from New York.

Roosevelt Trade Pacts Setup Okehed By Senate

THREE-VOTE MAJORITY Prince Obolensky Dies In British Plane Crash

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—A three-vote majority in the senate today saved the Roosevelt trade pacts program from an amendment which, administration spokesmen leaders had said, would "nullify" the effort to lower trade barriers by agreements with foreign nations.

By a vote of 44 to 41, the chamber rejected an amendment by Senator Pittman (D-New) requiring that future reciprocal trade pacts be submitted to the senate for ratification by a two-thirds vote.

The defeat of this amendment cleared the way for action next week upon the pending legislation authorizing a three-year continuation of the present Trade Agreements Act, under which the administration can reduce tariffs as much as 50 percent in return for concessions from other nations. The agreements embodying these mutual concessions are not subject to senate action.

Today's vote encouraged administration forces to believe that the continuation bill would go through without difficulty.

The decision on the Pittman resolution was taken amid scarcely-concealed excitement. After a week (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

NEW 'ALL-CHINA' REGIME PLANNED Scheduled To Be Launched Today By Opponents Of Chiang Kai-Shek

NANKING, March 29.—(AP)—Chinese opponents of Chiang Kai-Shek's government and their Japanese sponsors are ready for the launching here tomorrow of an "all-China" regime headed by former Premier Wang Ching-wei despite scathing denunciations of his "high treason" from Chungking and the wrecking, attributed to guerrillas, of a train bringing officials of the new regime to Nanking.

Japanese gendarmes and troops of Wang's newly organized "Chinese army" guarded Nanking as he prepared to inaugurate his govern- (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

PLUMBING LEADERS INDICTED BY U. S. Industry Is Charged With Conspiracy To Violate Anti-Trust Laws

CLEVELAND, March 29.—(AP)—The justice department today struck at the plumbing industry nation-wide in an indictment charging 102 defendants — manufacturers, jobbers and unions — conspired to restrain trade in violation of anti-trust laws.

An end to "unnecessary and costly steps" pictured by the indictment would mean a 20 to 25 per cent saving to consumers, the government said.

It was the most far-reaching in- (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

VESEL IS SUNK BY NAZI PLANES Also Claimed To Have Scored Hits On Cruiser Off English Coast

BERLIN, March 30.—(Saturday)—(AP)—German planes, operating so close to the British coast that they had to dodge the fire of coastal batteries, last night sank one ship in a British convoy and "scored a number of hits on a cruiser," D. N. B., the German news agency, said early today.

Davis Named To Take Over Delano Post

Wilmington Official Nominated Executive Vice President Of A. C. L.

DELANO HEADS BOARD

Election Scheduled To Be Held At Meet Of Shareholders On April 16

C. McD. Davis, of Wilmington, vice president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, will be nominated as executive vice president of the company, with headquarters here, at the annual meeting of shareholders on April 16 in Richmond, Va., according to a circular letter concerning proxies received by shareholders here yesterday from the board of directors.

The elevation to the executive vice-presidency proposed in April will follow by almost exactly a year the extension of his jurisdiction as vice-president to all departments of the system.

Lyman Delano, of New York, now holds the title of chairman of the board as well as executive vice-president. He is relinquishing the position as executive vice president but will continue as chairman of the board.

Elliott Renominated George B. Elliott, of Wilmington, was renominated president.

L. L. Forden, of New York, was nominated for vice-president in charge of corporate organization and T. F. Darden, was nominated for vice-president in charge of accounts and freight claims.

Nominated to the board of directors were: F. B. Adams, New York, N. Y.; L. A. Blize, Tampa, Fla.; F. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

CHURCH FREEDOM ISSUE QUESTIONED

Action Takes Place During Discussion Of Case Before Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—Attorney's contention that religious freedom includes the right to play to Catholics a phonograph record attacking their church was sharply questioned in the supreme court today by Chief Justice Hughes.

The chief justice, son of a Baptist minister, asked whether Catholics were not entitled to protection against "scurrilous denunciation of their most cherished faith."

"Is there no limit at all to what you can do when you think you are worshipping God?" he demanded, his voice vibrant with feeling.

The case before the court was the conviction of three persons at New (Continued on Page Three; Col. 8)

LONDON-MOSCOW DEALINGS ARE HIT AS BRITISH GIVE FRANCE RED SHIPS

LONDON, March 29.—(AP)—Relations between Britain and Soviet Russia became increasingly shaky tonight as the British handed over to their French ally two confiscated Soviet freighters and got ready to round up German ships attempting to dash from the Netherlands East Indies to Vladivostok.

Soviet sources, on the other hand, outlining the Russian position, emphasized two factors: 1. Foremost, "despite the newspapers," Russia has no political or military commitments with Germany and is not her ally.

2. Russia is eager for "increased trade and friendly relations with Great Britain," although no pact is being formulated.

But it seems to be evident, the Russian sources added, that Britain and France have embarked on a "great Russia rough" campaign and that a deliberate attempt is being made to "blacken Soviet Russia in the eyes of the British people and the world."

The two Russian merchantmen, disposition of which lay at the heart of the controversy, are the 2,492-ton Selenga and the 3,972-ton Vladimir Mayakovsky, released by the British today; to the French navy "for administrative reasons" and ex- (Continued on Page Three; Col. 6)

HULL SAYS NOT TRUE

Roosevelt Declares Propaganda Should Be Taken With Grain Of Salt

OTHERS DENY CHARGES

Pittman Says Germany Is Seeking To Stir Up Opposition To President

WASHINGTON, March 29.—(AP)—A series of sharp denials tonight greeted Germany's publication of documents purporting to show that the United States helped bring on the European war.

Secretary of State Hull issued a statement saying that he did not place "the slightest credence" in the diplomatic conversations mentioned in the documents and that the papers did not represent "in any way" the foreign policy of the United States.

A few hours after President Roosevelt had told reporters that propaganda from Europe should be taken with several grains of salt, William C. Bullitt, American ambassador to France, and Count Jerzy Potocki, Polish ambassador to the United States, issued formal denials of the statements attributed to them in the documents.

Bullitt Statement Bullitt, who was alleged to have told Potocki that the United States would enter the war against Germany if Great Britain and France "besieged themselves," said: "The President has already indicated that propaganda of this nature should be taken with several grains of salt."

"This particular piece of propaganda should be taken with even more salt. I have never made to anyone the statements attributed to me."

Potocki's statement: "The publication by the German government of pretended documents from the Polish foreign office is obviously for propaganda purposes. I deny the allegations attributed to my report."

"I never had any conversations with Ambassador Bullitt on America's participation in war."

Hull issued this statement: "The press, this evening, carries the report of the issuance by the German foreign office of a white book containing documents alleged to have been found in the archives of the Polish foreign office in Warsaw and purporting to contain accounts of conversations held by policy officials with diplomatic officials of the United States."

"I may say, most emphatically, that neither I nor any of my associates in the Department of State have ever heard of such conversations as those alleged, nor do we give them the slightest credence. The statements alleged have not represented in any way at any time the thought or the policy of the American government."

"Two Grains Of Salt" President Roosevelt, at his press conference, said he thought everybody should take with a grain of salt any propaganda that is put out in Europe today. He then amended (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

Ambassador Kennedy Declines To Comment On German Reports

LONDON, March 30.—(Saturday)—United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy declined today to comment on the documentation of alleged Polish diplomatic reports released by the German foreign office.

Kennedy had a long talk yesterday with Lord Halifax, the British foreign secretary. The subject was not disclosed.

Most of the national press carries accounts of the Berlin documents on inside pages this morning, along with President Roosevelt's comment that European propaganda should be taken with three grains of salt. A typical caption over the story was: "Nazis Now Say U. S. A. Caused War."

MOLOTOFF VOICES NEUTRALITY WISH

Says Russia Wants To 'Refrain From Any Participation In The War'

MOSCOW, March 29.—(AP)—Premier-Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov proclaimed tonight Soviet Russia's desire to "maintain our neutrality and refrain from any participation in the war" in Europe, but flatly warned the western allies that they are "playing with fire" with their armies in the Near East.

He declared Russia does not intend to wrest her lost province of Bessarabia from Rumania "by war."

In a speech critical of Britain and France and with some thrusts at the United States, Molotov told the supreme Soviet, Russia's legislature, that the Soviet Union "will continue our policy whether anybody likes or dislikes it."

High points of his review of foreign policy and international developments included:

The United States—Russian-United States relations "have not improved of late" but they "have not become worse unless we take into consideration the so-called moral embargo against the Soviet Union which, now that peace with Finland has been concluded, is devoid of any significance."

Great Britain and France—"they do not like our policies. They want us to fight Germany in order to further their imperialistic aims. The U. S. S. R. will never be a tool of any country."

Germany—"Soviet-German relations were firmly proved in the Polish campaign."

RED AMBASSADOR TO PARIS LEAVES

Departs As French Officials Enforce New Rules Against Communists

PARIS, March 29.—(AP)—Russian Ambassador Jakob Surits, recalled by Moscow at the request of France, left tonight for Bucharest even as French officials enforced new measures against communist propaganda in the Paris area.

There was no official send-off. The Soviet envoy incurred French displeasure by filing a telegram to Russian Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotov in which he made critical remarks about the Allies after Russia's dictated peace with Finland.

Coincident with his departure, Minister of the Interior Henri Roy ordered transferred from Paris a number of individuals interned as "dangerous to the national defense and public order." The order was said to apply chiefly to communists.

Surits appeared in good humor. The new interior ministry order became known as the trial of 44 communist members of the chamber of deputies neared its close.

BOMBHELL EXPLODED

Say Bullitt Believed U. S. Would 'Finish' War On Side Of Allies

ROOSEVELT MENTIONED

Germans Claim Roosevelt Wanted To Distract U. S. From Own Problems

By EDWIN SHANKE BERLIN, March 29.—(AP)—Official Germany tonight exploded a paper bombshell of sixteen documents declared to have been taken from the foreign office archives of conquered Poland, in which Polish envoys to Washington, Paris and London are quoted as attributing these pre-war beliefs, actions and policies to two American ambassadors and, by inference, to President Roosevelt:

To William C. Bullitt, ambassador to Paris: The conviction that the United States would "finish" a European conflict on the Allies' side.

To Joseph P. Kennedy, ambassador to London: A promise to press upon the British leaders "the necessity of helping Poland at once with cash."

To President Roosevelt (apparently by the Polish envoy's own opinion, without any quotation from the President):

The desire to distract America from domestic problems and, "by conjuring up a war psychosis and conjuring up danger in Europe, he wanted to persuade the American people to accept America's enormous preparedness program, a program which goes beyond defense needs."

Official German spokesman, in handing out the documentation at the foreign office, limited their comment to saying the documents "throw an interesting light on the part which American policy played in bringing about the present war."

The Nazi press, however, accused Bullitt and Kennedy of "using all their influence to aggravate the atmosphere of hostility in Europe" before the war broke out.

Press Given Copies All but one of the documents are in typewritten Polish; photographic copies of the alleged originals were (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

WATERWAY GROUP WILL BE FORMED

Interested Persons Invited To Meeting In Washington, N. C., April 5

BEAUFORT, March 29.—(AP)—Aycock Brown, Beaufort newspaperman, said today he was mailing letters to 200 eastern North Carolina persons this week-end inviting them to a meeting at Washington, (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

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