

Vital Leningrad Railway Severed; Lines Tightened

CUT SOUTH OF CITY
Nazis, Finns Bearing Down on Great Baltic Port From Two Sides

BERLIN, Thursday, Aug. 28.—German troops striking east 35 miles from captured Novgorod were reported early today to have reached the Leningrad-Moscow railway, cutting off the main supply route of the menaced Baltic port.

BELIEVE SOVIET FIRED OWN BASE

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WEATHER
FORECAST
North Carolina: Fair to partly cloudy Thursday and Friday, continued clear Saturday and Sunday.
Temperature
At 7:30 a. m. 87; 1:30 p. m. 92; 7:30 p. m. 78.
Humidity
At 7:30 a. m. 88; 1:30 p. m. 75; 7:30 p. m. 88.
Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. .00 inches. Total since the first of the month 6.15 inches.
Tides For Today
From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.
Wilmington
High 1:45 a 9:30 a
Low 7:30 p 6:30 p
Moonset 11:30 p
Moonrise 11:30 p
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Red Army Holding Moscow

NAZIS APPEARED IN SOUTHERN ATTACK
Scores of German Armies In Fight

(By The Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Thursday, Aug. 28.—Soviet Russian officials indicated today the Red army was holding its ground on all fronts against strong German attacks and front-line dispatches said scores of thousands of Germans were killed when the invaders were routed from the outskirts of the city of "K."

(A report that the giant hydro-electric development on the Dnieper river, the Dnieperostroi dam, had been dynamited by the Russians was carried by Reuters, British News agency, from Vichy, unoccupied France. Reuters quoted a Vichy news agency dispatch from the Soviet frontier. There was no confirmation. If the dam had been blown up, it would indicate the Russians have safely moved their Ukraine armies across the Dnieper. A wide stretch of territory in the lower Ukraine thus would be flooded.)

Tremendous Toll
Russia has acknowledged the fall of both Smolensk and Gomel to the Germans but the communique indicated the Red army still held its lines in those general areas.

Both Leningrad, where the Red army commander has appealed for a civilian army, and where reports have been thrown up for street fighting, and Odessa are working continually on defense measures.

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTERS—Philip W. Kniskern, president, left, and Lester E. Frailey, right sales consultant, respectively of the National Association of Real Estate Boards have been chosen to deliver the main addresses to the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards which open its 20th annual convention at the Ocean Terrace hotel at Wrightsville Beach today.

State's Realty Leaders Open Convention Today

With more than 100 delegates already in town and checked into Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach hotels, the 20th annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Real Estate Boards was ready to swing into executive sessions today with an anticipated total registration of 300 delegates.

McRae To Speak
During the afternoon the convention will hear Hugh MacRae, a local man and one of the nation's authorities on colonization and farm projects as they relate to real estate. He will talk on "Human Engineering" a subject which he has presented to real estate men through the eastern part of the nation.

Huge Revenue Increased Reported By Coast Line
Atlantic Coast Line railway monthly report issued yesterday revealed operating revenue increase of \$10,275,000 for the first seven months of this year as compared to the like period of last year.

REDS OCCUPY IRAN CITY
LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 28.—A Reuters dispatch from Moscow today said Soviet troops in Iran had occupied Turkmanchah, 50 miles southeast of Tabriz yesterday.

East Seaboard Gasoline Price Virtually Pegged
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Leon Henderson, public administrator, made public tonight a table of what he said was fair maximum retail prices for "regular" gasoline in 40 cities in the Eastern states.

THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS GRANTED LEAVE AT CAMP
Special Trains, Busses Chartered By Men Taking Furlough Over Labor Day Week-End; 15,000 Going Home

Government Surveying Defense-Hit Centers to Relieve Unemployed
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—(AP)—The government, it was announced tonight, has started surveys in 20 cities in an effort to avert serious unemployment because of diversion of materials from civilian goods industries to defense needs.

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PERSIANS TALK PEACE; MOLOTOV WARNS JAPAN AGAINST INTERFERENCE

SOVIET REPLY TERSE

U. S. Joins Russians in Advising Nipponese Against Hindering Oil Shipping

(By The Associated Press)
MOSCOW, Aug. 27.—The Soviet government has notified Japan to keep hands off all trade between Russia and the United States.

(In Tokyo it was admitted that the sight of high-octane American aviation fuel "passing under the very noses of the Japanese" was especially displeasing because such shipments are refused to Japan.)

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PIERRE LAVAL He Deserted His People

ASSASSIN FAILS TO KILL LAVAL

French Ex-Premier Is Seriously Wounded; Germans Start Communist Drive

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BRITISH IN COMMAND

Iran Believed Prepared to Force Exit of All German Nationals From Country

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Sea Freedom Emphasized To Japs By Cordell Hull

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Washington Women Reporters And How They Get The News

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