

BRITAIN PREPARES FOR WAR

Hitler Gives Britain Rebuff, Brings Reaction

Nazi Leader Defiant To Britain's Warning Against Aggression; Troops On Move; All Preparations For War Are Under Way

London, Aug. 23.—Britain, tonight warned her civilians to prepare immediately for the eventuality of enemy air raids and started actual mobilization after receiving a threat from Fuehrer Adolf Hitler to "destroy with the sword" any nation resisting his demands against Poland.

Hitler's threat was revealed on high authority to have been delivered to Prof. Karl J. Burckhardt, League of Nations high commissioner for Danzig who communicated it to the British government.

The Burckhardt report of his conference with Hitler 10 days ago greatly influenced the British Cabinet's decision to send the British ambassador to Berlin, Sir Neville Henderson, flying to Berchtesgaden today to deliver a last warning and appeal to the Fuehrer.

Henderson failed as Burckhardt failed, returning to Berlin tonight with Hitler's blunt answer that the British armed pledges to Poland cannot swerve him from his insistence upon an imminent "settlement" with the Poles.

Hitler Looks Ill

Burckhardt, it was revealed, reported that Hitler had told him Germany will not allow the Poles to continue their "provocation to war."

If the Poles remain defiant, Hitler was quoted as saying, Germany will "destroy them with the sword," along with Britain, France and any other nations that fight on Poland's side.

The Fuehrer looked pale and ill, the League commissioner said. Hitler's defiant attitude, as conveyed to the British ambassador and to the League Commissioner for Danzig, brought Europe face-to-face with a showdown on Germany's territorial demands against Poland.

The British government, although not despairing of hopes that a peaceful settlement might yet be achieved, mustered men, money and materials and prepared to resist any Nazi aggression against Poland "to the utmost."

France swung into step beside Britain, matching defense measure for defense measure and bringing the two nations to a war footing.

The British people were warned that they must be ready to face the eventuality of an enemy air raid "tonight or any night hereafter."

Troops On March

Britain's air raid alarm system went on a 24-hour basis.

Large bodies of troops were moving throughout the British countryside in fighting kit. Anti-aircraft units took up their stations. Obstructions closed the entrances to vital ports.

Informed quarters said British mobilization actually was under way although it is not being called that yet.

King George VI was rushing back to London from Scotland and a meeting of the Privy Council was summoned for Thursday morning an emergency session of Parliament has been called for Thursday afternoon to hear Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax explain the situation.

The Privy Council is expected to sign orders at 10:30 a. m., authorizing the full mobilization of the territorials (National Guard) and other exceptional war measures.

Then, at 2:45 a. m., E. D. T.) Chamberlain will ask Parliament to grant his cabinet dictatorial powers along the lines of the famous "DORA" (Defense of the Realm Act) of 1914-1918.

Government leaders still cling to hopes of peace, even though admitting that the outlook is becoming steadily darker.

It was believed that Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy or Pope Pius XII might make some move leading to a peaceful settlement.

Some quarters said that a direct appeal by President Roosevelt was a possibility.

Angry Demands

Burckhardt's report to London

showed that Hitler had served no ultimatum and outlined no specific demands such as the return of Danzig or the Polish Corridor but that he spoke in general although angry, terms.

When the British cabinet in "crisis session" Tuesday heard Burckhardt's report the minister decided to send today's message directly to Hitler.

The Burckhardt report described Hitler as saying "I am a man of peace" but that he has the ambition to bring all of the German race into the Reich's frontiers before he dies.

Hitler said he could not understand Britain's attitude but that he believed Halifax to be a man of peace, although Nazi advisors had told him differently.

Hitler's rebuff to British Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson, who flew to Berchtesgaden bearing a warning and an appeal from Prime Minister Chamberlain, brought from government officials and diplomats that the situation is more acute than the Czechoslovak crisis of a year ago.

Franklinton School Opens

The TIMES is requested to announce that the Franklinton Schools will open on Tuesday, September 12th with the following faculty:

Elementary—Miss Helen Stoneham, Mollusk, Va.; Miss Edna Davenport, Miss Mary Council Horne, Greenville; Miss Leslie V. Chandler, Virgilina, Va.; Miss Bertha Futrelle, Henderson; Mr. John E. Jenkins, Ayden; Miss Mary Neal Saunders, Rocky Mount; Miss Annie Tucker Moore, Littleton; Mrs. Thelma B. Green, Mrs. Dorothy C. Shearon, Miss Nellie Joyner, Miss Claire Kearney, Mrs. Mabel W. McGhee, Miss Annie Wester, Franklinton.

High School—Miss Frances Smith, Miss Helen McGinnis, Greenville; Miss Mary Leigh Scallies, Greensboro; Mr. Walter R. Byrd, Bunlevel; Miss Frances Winston, Mrs. Elizabeth Brittle Blount, Mr. Fred Blount, Franklinton.

New Parking

The new parking regulations that went into effect in Louisburg Friday is generally accepted as a great advantage to the traveling public. Quite a number of cars were tagged by the officers, but the first venture was more for warning than for force. With few exceptions the new method was generally observed, and free parking lots are being arranged to take care of the surplus traffic.

Court

The next term of Franklin Superior Court will be a Civil term and is scheduled to convene on Monday, September 4th. Judge J. Paul Frizzell, of Snow Hill, will preside.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, August 26th:

Saturday—Double Feature—Randolph Scott, Nancy Kelly Cesar Romero and Binnie Barnes in "Frontier Marshal" and Bert Wheeler and Marie Wilson in "Cowboy Quarterbacks" also Chap. No. 5 "Daredevils of the Red Circle."

Sunday—Monday—Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane, Gale Page, John Garfield and Jeffrey Lynn in "Daughters Courageous."

Tuesday—Steffi Dunna and Leo Carillo in "The Girl and the Gambler."

Wednesday—Lucille Ball and Allan Lane in "Panama Lady."

Thursday-Friday—Sonja Henie, Tyrone Power and Rudy Vallee in Irving Berlin's "Second Fiddle."

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Four Men Killed

Plane Falls Shortly After Leaving Rocky Mount Airport For Raleigh

Rocky Mount, Aug. 22.—An airplane crash near here today killed three men prominent in Edgecombe County affairs and a pilot who had been flying for ten years.

There were no survivors to tell how the plane, which only a few minutes before had left the Rocky Mount airport en route to Raleigh, came to crash in a stripped tobacco field near Sandy Cross, eight miles from here in Nash County. A mass of wreckage and bits of bones bore mute testimony to the tragedy.

The dead: Dr. W. O. House, 45, prominent Tarboro surgeon and Edgecombe farmer, commander of the Eason-Tine post of the American Legion, and head of the State Hospital Association.

Harry H. Hicks, 41, well-known Tarboro insurance man.

Phillip H. Koonce, 32, Leggett farmer and lumberman.

Walter Tharrington, 31, pilot, and Nash County farmer and tobacco buyer.

R. L. Lee, manager of the Rocky Mount municipal airport, said the men left the airport about 12:45 p. m. en route to Raleigh, with Tharrington at the controls of the Ryan, single-control machine. Lee received first word of the crash about 1 o'clock.

Bodies Embedded

For more than an hour after the crash Nash County officers working under the direction of Nash Coroner M. C. Guley, labored in an effort to untangle the bodies from the wreckage. All four men were believed to have died instantly. Their bodies were maimed beyond recognition.

Late today ambulances from Rocky Mount and Tarboro transported the remains to the home towns of the victims. Plans for funeral services were not known immediately.

Dr. House is survived by his wife and four children; Koonce, by his wife and two children; and Hicks, by his wife. Tharrington was unmarried.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Mr. James B. Collier, nineteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collier, suffered a very painful and serious gunshot wound on the right side of neck and back while out hunting on Wednesday afternoon with several friends. The accident happened when Mr. Dick Parrish shot at game, not knowing Mr. Collier was within range. He was brought to Dr. H. G. Perry's office where fifty or more shot were taken from Collier's neck and shoulder and given necessary treatment.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mr. Joseph T. Insoce, of the Cedar Rock community, entertained about twenty guests Wednesday afternoon in celebration of his 68th birthday. The lawn of his beautiful country home was in pleasing order and the guests enjoyed an hour of social entertainment. During the hour Rev. E. Y. Averitt read a biography of the host, which included many experiences of interest, honor and esteem. A bountiful dinner was served at five tables, including delicious barbecued pig, chicken and other things that make a delightful and toothsome repast. All enjoyed the dinner to the fullest and the entire occasion was one of great delight to all present as well as the host and his delightful wife whose assistance made the occasion more delightful.

All extended the heartiest congratulations and good wishes for many more such delightful occasions.

Opens New Store

Mr. E. C. Mitchner, of Henderson arrived in Louisburg this week to arrange for the opening of a branch of the Auto Supply Co., which firm owns and operates a chain of stores in this section with headquarters at Henderson. The new firm will operate in one of the new store rooms on Nash Street just erected by Messrs. R. Glenn Davis and W. L. Lumpkin, and expects to get open and ready for business by Thursday, September 7th. Mr. Mitchner is a son of Mr. G. C. Mitchner, and has general management of the several stores. Watch for their announcement.

CRISIS IN BRIEF

Berlin.—Hitler stands firm on Polish demands reported now to include acceptance by Poles of Nazi protectorate government; British ambassador re-states Britain's determination to aid Poland and tells of Chamberlain's continued peace efforts but reported to have been told in effect "too late."

London.—Britain moves toward wartime footing; Hitler demands stagger peace hopes; naval reinforcements speed to Mediterranean; East coast shippers cancel sailings due to leave for Baltic or German ports.

Brussels.—King Leopold makes dramatic peace plea on behalf of seven neutral states for major powers to "open negotiations in spirit of brotherly cooperation."

Paris.—France orders partial mobilization, bringing forces to around 2,000,000 men; officials fear war almost certain if German-Russian non-aggression pact signed, regardless of contents.

Moscow.—Germany and Russia sign non-aggression agreement after speedy negotiations among von Ribbentrop, Molotov and Stalin; British-French mission marks time on disrupted negotiations for three-power mutual assistance pact with Soviet; two members of British delegation prepare to return home.

Washington.—Roosevelt speeds back to Washington after curtailing vacation cruise; capital speculates over whether intends another peace plea; Americans advised to stay out of Europe.

Rome.—Italy apparently standing firm with Germany; reports from other European capitals indicate showdown before week's end.

Warsaw.—Hope prevails that Western powers will find way out of crisis.

Free Parking Lot

The City authorities under supervision of Commissioner W. B. Barrow began the clearing and arranging a free parking lot to the rear of the Louisburg Supply Store Monday afternoon. Dirt was being poured in the ravine filling the drive from Main Street. This is quite a big lot and will afford much parking accommodation for the many visitors to Louisburg.

Accidentally Killed

Thomas Alston, colored, 48, died early Wednesday morning as the result of an automobile accident about two miles east of Mitchiner's Cross Roads on the river road. Alston, so we understand, and a nephew, Willie Bell, who were pushing off a car driven by Alston's daughter, Nannie, jumped on the running board as the car caught up. For some unknown reason the car ran into a bank knocking both Alston and Bell off. Alston fell into a deep ditch on his head and Bell received a broken arm. They were brought at once to Dr. J. E. Fulghum's office for treatment but Alston died from his injuries before arriving at the doctor's office. Alston is survived by his wife and six children.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held another exciting session Tuesday. A defendant, after confessing to a charge of larceny threw an "epileptic fit" and was turned over to the Welfare department. Other cases on the docket were disposed of as follows:

Richard Lewis, larceny, "it appearing to the court that the defendant is an epileptic," he was turned over to the Welfare department.

Cary Horton was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and given 90 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

James Yarborough was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of costs.

Weldon Jones was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and given 60 days on roads, execution not to issue upon payment of costs.

Ernest Hayes was found guilty of assault on a female and was given 60 days on roads.

The following cases were continued:

Tom Neal, f and a.

Josephine Harris, f and a.

Katie Marshall, f and a.

John Cradup, unlawful possession of whiskey.

Chick Murray, unlawful possession of whiskey.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Forrest Weaver preached on Sunday morning. Mr. Weaver is the son of Mr. J. W. Weaver of Louisburg. A large congregation heard Mr. Weaver.

"We find in the recorded account of Jesus' life upon earth this statement, 'when Jesus saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion.' The yearning spirit of Jesus is portrayed for the masses. Yet the Kingdom will not come through mass movement but through and by individual effort."

"As Jesus was crushed by the crowd, just so the spirit is crushed and crowded out by the multiplicity of activities today. In the Bible, we find such statements as these: 'Jesus passed unnoticed,' 'They felt no need.' Today we have reached the stage which makes God no longer necessary.

"The world is concerned with self. Fear for our own wants and needs possesses us. Underneath it all is a dissatisfaction, a yearning for higher and nobler way of living. The remedy is complete surrender to God."

Dr. A. Paul Bagby, pastor, will return on Friday afternoon. He will preach on Sunday morning from his own pulpit.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Attendance is on the increase. Keep coming.

Agnes—He said he would love me forever and ever!
Grace—Ah, men!

POPULAR COUPLE TO WED

Miss Jessie Randle Perry, of Raleigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Perry, of Franklinton, whose engagement to Charles Woodrow Teague, of Raleigh and Franklinton, is announced. Mr. Teague is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Teague, of Thomasville. The wedding will take place in Franklinton in October.

PILOT DROPS OPENER OF PLAY-OFF SERIES

In a play-off for the Tri-County League title, which ended in a tie at the end of the league schedule, Louisburg defeated Pilot, 8-7, here Wednesday afternoon. The game opened a three-tilt series. The next two games will be played at Pilot Friday (today) and Saturday.

The winner of this series will play Epsom and the loser will play Greystone a series, each.

Although this game was scheduled to go only seven innings on account of the lateness in getting started, the game having been called off in the early part of the afternoon on account of rain, and later decided to play, it was lengthened to eight innings when the teams were tied at 7-all after seven frames.

Part of the Louisburg players had gone out of town after the game had been called off and they had to put a make-shift lineup in the field.

W. N. Fuller scored the winning run. He singled and advanced on Emmett Wiggin's sacrifice. Harold Troutman was purposely walked, but went out at second on an infield out. Grady Wheeler singled Fuller home.

Troutman collected a homer and a double in four trips to lead Louisburg. Wheeler also hit for the circuit for the winners. Pilot's leaders were Harvey Pittman, with a homer and a single, and Red Benton, with two singles.

Score: R.H.E.
Pilot 300 013 00—7 8 3
Louisburg 300 310 01—8 13 4
Hinton, Benton, Pittman and Benton, Brooks; Wheelers, Edmonds and Fuller.

MRS. CROFT DEAD

Her many friends extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. A. W. Person, in the death of her sister, Mrs. L. B. Croft, of Little Rock, Ark., which information was received by her on Saturday. The deceased will be remembered by friends in Louisburg as Miss Geneva Mathieson, of Little Rock.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

Miss Sadie Jarman Dead

Miss Sadie Jarman died about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning from what appeared to be a heart attack. She was 66 years of age and is survived by one sister, Miss Louisa Jarman, of Louisburg. Miss Jarman was a most estimable lady, loved and admired by her many friends and acquaintances. She was a devoted member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Funeral services were held from her home on Kenmore Avenue at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, conducted by Revs. L. F. Kent, E. H. Davis, and interment was made in the family plot in the Franklinton cemetery.

Active—F. M. Fuller, G. M. Beam, John Tucker, S. C. Foster, M. McKinn, M. C. Murphy, Honorary—W. R. Mills, W. J. Cooper, Walter Cuthrell, M. S. Davis, Dr. S. P. Burt, Dr. R. F. Yarborough.

Both services were largely attended and the floral tribute was especially pretty.

The bereaved sister and relatives have the deepest sympathy of a large number of friends and acquaintances.

Opening at Gold Sand

Prof. W. O. Reed, Supervising Principal, announces that the Gold Sand and Wood schools will open for the 1939-40 term on Monday, September 4.

The Gold Sand faculty will be as follows: High School—W. O. Reed, principal and mathematics; E. M. Alexander, agriculture; D. J. Dark, mathematics and science; E. T. Malone, history and English; Lillie Harper, English and French; Mary Bynum Dark, science and history; Margaret Turner, home economics. The elementary school—Mrs. Eva U. Person, first grade; Arzelle Hodge, first and second grade; L. M. Fannin, second grade; Fannie Gupton, third grade; Mrs. M. E. Williams, fourth grade; Mrs. Louise M. Bledsoe, fifth grade; Ruth Parrish, sixth grade, and Mrs. Margaret R. Gupton, seventh grade.

Mr. Malone, of Williamston, and Misses Dark and Hodge of Franklinton County and Kenly, respectively, are new teachers in the Gold Sand School.

The Wood elementary school faculty is as follows: Mrs. Maggie D. Neal, principal, Mrs. Adelaide Duke Fuller, and Mary Dickerson, teachers.

The Gold Sand elementary school was successful in meeting the standards for accreditation last year, and according to a recent letter from Mr. H. Arnold Perry, of the State Department of Education, will be rated as a standard school this year.

With the exception of supplementary readers, the books for the elementary school will be furnished free. The supplementary readers may be rented this year at the same rates as last year. The plan for renting high school books has been changed from what it was last year, namely: Instead of each student renting separate texts, he will rent all his books for the year for a flat fee of \$2.40. Of course, the rented fee does not include pencils, tablets and laboratory books for courses in science.

Parents are urged to have their children in school the first day, if possible.

Orange leaf—Fair \$17.50, \$21.50; low \$13. \$16; common \$9, \$10.50.

Lemon cutters—Fair \$23.50, \$31; low \$22.50, \$29.

Lemon lugs—Choice \$23.50, \$30; fine \$22.50, \$29; good \$18.50, \$26; fair \$13.75, \$21.50.

Lemon primings—Choice \$23, \$29; fine \$21.50, \$28; good \$18, \$26; fair \$12, \$20.50; low \$8, \$15.50.

M. M. HILL DEAD

Mr. Maurice M. Hill, one of Franklin County's substantial planters and citizens died at the State Sanatorium Sunday night and his remains were brought to his home near Royal on Monday for interment. He was 60 years of age and is survived by three children, Mr. William Hill, Miss Grace Hill and Mrs. Sammie Robbins, all of this County, besides brothers and sisters. He had been in bad health for several years.

The funeral was held at Flat Rock Church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. B. Howard and was largely attended. Interment was made in the Church cemetery nearby. The floral tribute was especially large and pretty, and bespoke the popularity and esteem of the deceased.

The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

REVIVAL

The TIMES is requested to announce the revival meeting beginning at New Hope Christian Church Sunday afternoon and running through the following week. Services at 3:00 and 8:00 P. M. Rev. O. D. Poythress, of Norfolk, Va., will do the preaching. He is also a good singer.

BACKWARD

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PRICES HOLD OPENING LEVEL

Stronger Sales Reported At Some Markets; Quality of Offerings Still Low

Tobacco prices strengthened at points in the New Bright Belt yesterday with influx of some better quality leaf, but averages generally were in the range of the opening day—\$16 to \$17 a hundred pounds.

Sales throughout the belt continued heavy, though not up to the high figures of Tuesday which at some markets were new highs for first-day sales. Inferior tobacco, as on opening day, made up the larger part of offerings.

Farmers apparently were content with prices, for reports of "few tags turned" were common throughout the belt.

Reports received yesterday from the belt:

Wilson.—N. G. Blackman, Jr., sales supervisor, said 1,752,818 pounds of a record opening break of 3,000,000 was sold Tuesday for \$299,977.91, an average of \$17.11. Quality was poor to fair, he said.

Rocky Mount.—Sales Supervisor George P. Arrington announced Tuesday's official figures as 1,177,852 pounds for \$190,385.11, an average of \$16.11.

Wendell.—Sales Supervisor H. G. Moore reported official figures for Tuesday as 320,702 pounds for \$57,281.03, an average of \$17.86. He estimated that about 300,000 pounds were sold yesterday, with the price range about the same as on opening day.

Opening tobacco prices Tuesday on the belt ranged from \$1.50 to \$8.50 lower per 100 pounds than on the opening day last year, the marketing service of the State and Federal departments of agriculture reported yesterday.

Most of the cutter, lug, and priming grades showed losses of between \$6 and \$8. Common to fair-quality leaf grades were from \$1.50 to \$5 lower.

The bulk of offerings sold for between \$11 and \$22, the marketing service said.

Principal offerings were low to fine quality primings and fair to fine lugs. Priming grades and lemon color predominated. Some markets had fairly heavy offerings of leaf grades, mostly of lower qualities. Low and fair quality cutters sold in limited volume.

Price averages per 100 pounds on certain U. S. grades, for the opening this year and last year, in that order, follow:

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