

German Soldiers Goose-Step Into Sudetenland



The German "token" army of occupation marches into Rumburg, a city in the Sudeten area acquired by Germany under the Munich four-Power agreement. Some of the soldiers wear flowers on their uniforms, thrown to them by the enthusiastic inhabitants of the town.

Britain Warns Japan To Keep Hands Off Her Land In China

Tokyo Reply Says Armies Will Comply

All Big Nations Notified "Vested Foreign Interests" Will Be Respected; Japs Loose Full Might in Pincer Drive Aimed at Hankow Center

London, Oct. 12.—(AP)—With Japanese forces landed in south China for a drive on Canton, the British government today let it be known that Japan "had been reminded" that any damage to British interests in South China may involve "risks for Anglo-Japanese relations"

A source close to the government said Sir Robert Leslie Craigie, ambassador to Japan, had delivered "a reminder" to the Tokyo foreign office on this subject in the last few days.

JAPS LOOSE FULL MIGHT IN GIANT PINCER DRIVE

Shanghai, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Japanese forces loosed their full might today in a final giant pincer offensive designed to capture Hankow and smash General Chiang Kai-Shek's legions. A new Japanese expeditionary force, estimated at 30,000 to 50,000 mechanically well equipped men, supported by naval and air units, landed at Eias bay, a few miles north of Hong Kong.

The lines were reported to have cut off the northern railway communications with Hankow by capturing a point 100 miles north of the capital.

JAPS PROMISE TO RESPECT INTERESTS OF FOREIGNERS

Tokyo, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A Japanese foreign office statement today said the Japanese would "respect vested foreign interests in a new south China offensive," believed to be aimed at Canton.

The United States, British, French, German and Italian embassies were notified informally of the latest Japanese move, although the war office here maintained silence about the area where the attack is to be launched.

Southern Ry. Will Likely Run A. & N. C.

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Governor Hoey said today he expected Vice-President James B. Hyde and other officials of the Southern Railway here Monday for conferences on the possibility of the Southern's operation of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad.

GRAND DUKE CYRIL OF RUSSIA IS DEAD

One of Last of Romanoffs Passes in Paris, where He Had Lived for Years in Exile

Paris, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovitch, head of the house of Romanoffs, and self-proclaimed "czar of all the Russias," died today in the American hospital here. He was 62 years old.

The pretender to the vanished throne of the Russian empire, an exile in France since the bolshevik revolution, had been seriously ill for two weeks, suffering from influenza of one leg. He had become so weak that doctors feared to operate.

The grand duke, a cousin of the late Czar Nicholas II, last of the dynasty to reign, proclaimed himself rightful heir to the throne August 31, 1924.

With him at the end were his brothers, the Grand Dukes Boris and Andrew, and a sister of the Grand Duchess Helen, now Princess Nicholas of Greece.

Before the Bouquet Menace



Adolf Hitler is pictured receiving a bouquet of roses from an aged inhabitant of Asch, in the former Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia. An officer, at right, holds her arm, just in case. The Fuehrer was struck in the face and scratched by a tossed bouquet. He immediately banned all bouquets, except the verbal type.

Czech-Hungarian Troops Confront Each Other In Dugouts 250 Feet Apart

Budapest, Hungary, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Czechoslovak and Hungarian troops established fighting positions 250 feet apart today, awaiting the outcome of deadlocked diplomatic negotiations on Hungarian demands for Czechoslovak territory.

The lines were established following yesterday's occupation of two Czech frontier towns by the Hungarian forces. The occupation was a "symbolic overture," Hungarians said, to recovery of thousands of square miles from Czechoslovakia.

Czech troops at Polysag withdrew three-fourths of a mile to the north of the town and started at once to dig trenches in potato fields and surrounding forests.

Hungarian infantry followed suit, establishing positions at close range Hungarian heavy artillery was in firing position.

There was concern here that Czech soldiers, angered by territorial losses to Germany, would prefer to fight against any new concessions.

Hungarian-Czech negotiators, meeting at the frontier town of Komarom adjourned until today after it became apparent they could reach no agreement yesterday.

Japs Request U. S. Not To Move Troops

Tokyo, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The Japanese government today urged the United States and other governments to refrain as far as possible from moving troops, warships and anti-aircraft equipment in south China, because of the landing of a new Japanese section of troops, presumably for a drive on Canton.

Notes were sent to the Tokyo embassies of the principal powers asking for cooperation on prevention of incidents in connection with the south China campaign. The notes designated the area between Swatow, 200 mile northeast of Hong Kong, and Pakhoi, about 350 miles southwest of that British colony, as the area in which neutral powers were to refrain from moving their troops.

Japan asked that ten days notice be given the Japanese command if "sheer necessity should compel" such movements.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The automobile industry labor and management alike, pondered today the significance of Homer Martin's "cordial call" on Henry Ford yesterday.

For the time being, yesterday's Martin-Ford conversation, followed by Martin's discussions with Harry Bennett, personnel chief of the Ford Motor Company, superseded in interest the 32-hour work week conferences with other companies.

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Clearing Of Slums To Be Speeded Up

Housing Chief Says 5,000 Families Monthly To Migrate After First of 1939; Heavy Spending for Housing Reported; Seek Leaf Surplus Outlet

Washington, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Nathan Straus, administrator of the United States Housing Authority, expects 5,000 families a month to "emigrate" from American slums, beginning early next year.

Making that forecast today, he reported \$7,545,892 has been advanced by the USHA to 28 local housing authorities for more than 5,000 dwelling units, now under construction. The anticipated rate of slum clearance, Straus said, will require \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 of construction every month. Advances today barely have nicked either the \$600,000,000 which USHA has for slum clearance and low cost housing loans, or its \$200,000,000 for local subsidies.

Other developments included: A long list of appointments kept President Roosevelt busy at his desk this Columbus Day. He had ten engagements within two hours, discussing social security, maritime labor, politics and national affairs with his callers.

An advisory committee, the first to be appointed under the wage-hour law, analyzed existing wage scales in the cotton textile industry preparatory to recommending minimum pay of 1,300,000 workers.

The AAA estimated the October supply of stemming grades of cigar leaf tobacco, used primarily in the manufacture of chewing tobacco, would be slightly smaller than for the same 1937 month. William Collins, tobacco section chief, said reports of an excessive supply because of conditions in Connecticut, "were without foundation."

The AAA estimated the October supply at 88,000,000, compared with 97,322,000 in October, 1937.

AAA officials said they were seeking means of disposing of about 15,000,000 pounds of the 1938 dark-fired tobacco crop without interfering with marketing of this year's crop. A recommendation that the AAA subsidize the diversion of surplus tobacco into by-product uses was made by Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia growers at conferences here this week. About 18,000,000 pounds remain of the 1938 crop, AAA officials said.

Orderly disposal of the 1938 surplus, the growers told the AAA, would allow the market to absorb other holdings of cooperative associations.

The growers also proposed the AAA continue and possibly broaden existing price stabilization programs for fire-cured tobacco.

The Social Security Board announced grants totalling about \$2,500,000 for public assistance in seven states. The allocations for the period from October 1 to December 31, included: North Carolina, blind, \$34,748; Virginia, aged, \$177,964; blind, \$18,785; children, \$269,937.

Barkley Hope In Senate Not Very Bright

By CHARLES F. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Oct. 12.—Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky does not, after all, seem very likely to be proposed, when Congress next meets, from his majority leadership in the upper legislative chamber. That is to say, indications now are that he will be permitted to continue leading, but prospects are that a considerable block of his erstwhile followers will cease to follow him. To be sure, by no means all of

have followed him hitherto, but enough of them have done so to make him at least look like a genuine leader. Prospects are that, at the next session, it will become evident that he is a merely nominal one.

This will place him in a most embarrassing position. Ditto the White House, which originally picked him for the senatorial majority leadership. In fact, it probably will be more embarrassing to both of them than it would be to have the Kentuckian voted out of his leadership altogether. And that's why the Democratic anti-New Dealers have hit upon the strategy of leaving him in it—theoretically but impotently. They didn't hit on it because of any good will toward the administration or Barkley. They hit on it on account of "pure cussedness."

Analyzing the Situation. It will be recalled that the late

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Efficiency Of Civilians Astonishes Air Officers

Oil Tanks Explode At Linden Plants

Linden, N. J., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Twelve tanks each with a capacity of 600,000 gallons, exploded this afternoon in the plant of the Cities Service Refining Company. It could not be learned immediately whether there were any casualties.

Czechs Won't Let Sudeten Refugees Stay

Prague, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Premier Jan Syrový today rejected a British plan to allow Sudeten German refugees to remain two months in Czechoslovakia pending organization of international aid for them. The British suggestion was made personally by Major General Sir Neil Malcolm, League of Nations high commissioner for refugees from Germany.

The premier replied that Czechoslovakia had reason to fear new agitation if great numbers of Germans were taken into the republic. Although most fugitives were anti-Nazi, he said, they already were demanding German schools.

Syrový added that many other difficulties, chiefly economic, stood in the way of the British plan. Sir Neil, however, expressed the fear that many refugees would be persecuted if they returned to Sudetenland, which is now under German control.

Sir Harry Twyford, lord mayor of London, and head of a British relief mission to Czechoslovakia, left for London today expressing the hope that relief measures could be worked out.

Governor May Intervene In Congress Row

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau.

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey will intervene in the superheated eighth district congressional row as soon as the Deane-Burgin battle reaches the point where it is entirely obvious that no court decision can be had in time to put the legal winner on the general election ballot.

The governor hasn't said this; but from what he hasn't said it is clear that he has no intention of sitting idly by and letting the bewildered Democrats of the eighth go to the polls in November with no one for whom they can cast a congressional ballot.

On the other hand, he hasn't the slightest intention of taking any action or public stand as long as there is the remotest possibility the court decision can be reached in time to get the victor on the ballot.

So far as can be predicted at this writing there seems only the barest of outside chances that the court wrangling can possibly end any time soon. Both sides are now too deeply involved to retire with even moderate grace.

But when this probability of no early decision becomes a certainty, the Democratic high command is going to act. An appeal, perhaps directly from the governor, perhaps indirectly sponsored by him through the eighth district congressional committee, will be made to both candidates to come down and make way for a third or "harmony" candidate.

Of course, there is no legal way to force either of the embattled candidates to withdraw, but if they refuse to heed the call of the party, then the congressional committee will

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Anti-Aircraft Warning Net Shows Surprising Ability In War Maneuvers at Fort Bragg; "Black Out" Measure Scheduled for Thursday Night

Fort Bragg, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Army air Corps officers, astonished at the efficiency of a civilian anti-aircraft warning net being tested in maneuvers here, said today engine-silencers on bombing planes might become a necessity.

These officers, who have been trying in vain to "sneak" formations and even single airplanes by the keen ears North Carolina rooftop observers, expressed surprise at the civilian ability to pick up the planes' courses at all altitudes up to the maximum ceiling of the newest bombers.

Use of the warning net is regarded, however, as of greater value to pursuit aviation than to anti-aircraft batteries.

Members of the air corps board expressed elation at the success of high flying bombardment and low flying attack maneuvers, in deluding both searchlights and gun batteries, despite their detection by the civilian nets.

Last night, it was pointed out, an attack flight and two bomber formations got through the anti-aircraft ring set free without being spotted by a single searchlight crew or fired upon.

The mystery of the fate of the first night smoke screen in military history was cleared up today with a report from the attack commander at Langley Field, indicating a screen was laid by the attack squadron over Fort Bragg to the south of the defense zone at an altitude of about 500 feet. The attackers were unable to place the screen effectively, the report said, because trial smoke pots and flares to gauge wind were withheld due to danger of grass and brush fires.

It mattered little, however, because the bombers were too high to be spotted by the searchlights.

Tonight the outer ring of searchlights around Fort Bragg will be moved farther out into the country to test their effectiveness in illuminating attacking planes for defense formation acting as interceptors.

One of the major air defense measures, the "black out," is scheduled tomorrow night in what some officers here have termed its greatest test in the United States.

Says South Is Tired Of Being Pitied

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The South is a bit tired of being referred to as the "trembling child of the nation," George C. Biggers, business manager of the Atlanta Journal, said in an address here today, but welcomes constructive criticism, and is making progress in working out its own problems.

"Just take off the differential in freight rates and other discriminatory legislation," he said before the Atlanta Advertising Club; "send some of your technological and scientific skill down here, lend us some money at lower interest rates, and we'll do the rest."

Biggers referred to the recent report of the National Emergency Council, which said that since the War Between the States the South has been the poorest section of the nation.

"This is, in part, correct, he said, "if the South is compared directly against other regions, but there are numerous factors that brighten the picture. The same National Emergency Council report terms the South the greatest untapped market, and the market in which American business can expand most easily."

Assassinated



Major Gen. Ivan Peeff (above), chief of staff of the Bulgarian army, was shot to death in the streets of Sofia, Bulgaria, by an assassin who turned the gun on himself and took his own life. The man was identified as one named Vlassoff, from Peoff's native town, Stanimaka. (Central Press)

Merchants Ask Reduced Phone Rates

Utilities Commission Is Requested To Probe Bell's Long Distance Charges

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The board of directors of the North Carolina Merchants Association adopted a resolution today calling on the State Utilities Commission "to take appropriate action looking toward reductions in charges made by the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company."

The board released a report prepared by Herbert Falk, Greensboro lawyer, which set forth that the Southern Bell Company's intra-state long distance rates in North Carolina "are the highest of any State, served by this company."

If Southern Bell rates are cut, Falk forecast, other companies would do likewise.

The report stated the Southern company reported to the Federal Communications Commission that it earned 8.32 percent of its average new investment in telephone plants in North Carolina in 1937, and that "this is the largest percentage of earnings on that net investment in telephone plants from any one state in the United States from a Bell Telephone company, with the exception of the State of Texas."

The board's resolution stipulated that the matter should be called to

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6 Arabs Slain By British In The Holy Land

Jerusalem, Oct. 12.—(AP)—British troops, spreading out over the Holy Land in punitive expeditions to end Jewish-Arab violence, killed six Arabs in a clash with terrorists today.

The troops were attempting to demolish a house in the Nablus district, from which bombs had been thrown Monday when the terrorists attacked soldiers from nearby houseposts.

Reinforcements arrived, and the British fighters subdued the band in a 90-minute skirmish. Other rein-

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer in north and east portions tonight and in northeast portions Thursday.