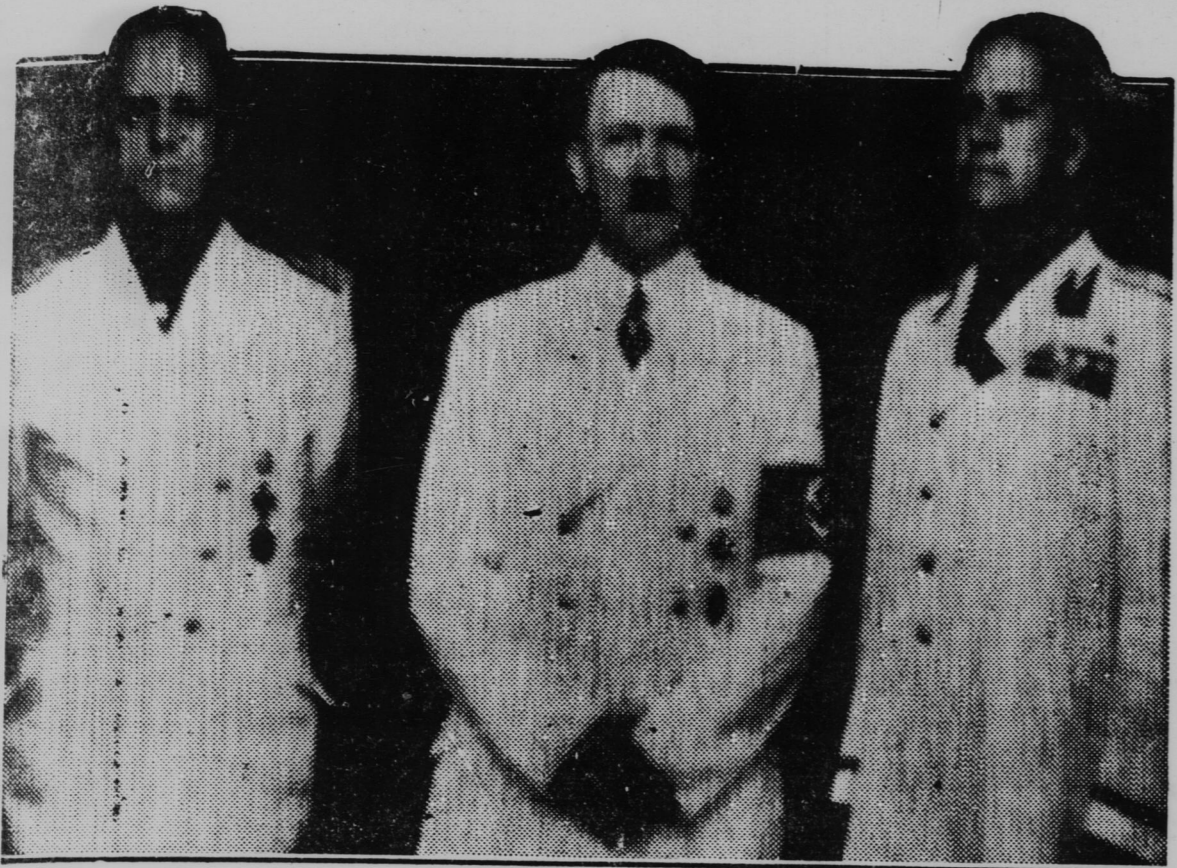


LEAGUE READY TO LEAVE DANZIG TO FATE

Avoid Danzig War, Ciano Tells Hitler



Central Press Radiophoto

Photographed at their momentous conference at Hitler's Berchtesgaden retreat are (left to right) German Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop, Hitler and Italian Foreign Minister Ciano. Ciano reportedly told Hitler that Mussolini does not want to go to war over Danzig and would prefer another "Munich" to settle the issue, with a round-table talk among Germany, Italy, France and Britain.

Advance Of Thanksgiving Day Is Approved And Disapproved

Traditionalists Against Change of Week; Business Rather Likes It; Governor Can Fix Date in North Carolina.

New York, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Both approval and disapproval today greeted President Roosevelt's decision to advance the observance of Thanksgiving day one week. The pros and the antis were thus roughly grouped.

The antis, the traditionalists in general, heavily represented in tradition-heavy New England, the football people—coaches, players and fans—and certain turkey people, who thought the new date might hurt their sales.

The pros, those who thought one Thursday as good as another; those who thought the earlier Thursday this year would be even better, particularly for business, since it would give more time for economic recuperation before Christmas.

As the uproar mounted across the country, with some governors saying the President's notion was okay with them, and others announcing coldly that they would stick with the old date of November 30, President or no President, the State Department in Washington cautiously intervened with this soothing reminder:

The presidential proclamation in re Thanksgiving is actually binding only in the District of Columbia and territories belonging to the United States; it has been the custom for

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Sen. Barkley Urges Chart Of U. S. Idea

Backs Roosevelt Idea Of "Cash and Carry" Neutrality Program; Says Rules of Game Should Be Changed Now.

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Senator Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, the majority leader, said today that Congress should enunciate a neutrality policy early in the next session, so that we will not be charged with changing the rules of the game while the game is in progress.

Barkley strongly supported President Roosevelt's view that the sale

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Hitler's "Voice"



Albert Forster

Albert Forster, Nazi leader in Danzig, is pictured as he made his historic address in which he declared the free city soon would join the Reich, Germany, he declared, would never stand by while Danzig suffered the threat of Polish cannon. He had just returned from visit to Hitler and is believed to have voiced the German leader's views.

(Central Press)

Wrecker Of Train Might Be Found Now

Reno, Nev., Aug. 15.—(AP)—A hint that officials might know the identity of the person responsible for the crash of the streamlined City of San Francisco, which killed 24 and injured more than 100 was contained today in a statement by A. D. McDonald, president of the Southern Pacific.

"We have some definite evidence," he said, "but it is of such a nature that we do not feel free to divulge it at this time."

McDonald expressed belief one man was responsible for the wreck

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U. S. Navy Plane Lost In Crash In Costa Rica Area

San Jose, Costa Rica, Aug. 15.—(AP)—A United States Navy plane, flying from the Canal Zone, was reported to have crashed today in the neighborhood of Parrita. Further details of the accident were not immediately available.

Thirty-five United States naval patrol bombers took part in a Panama Canal anniversary observance in the Canal Zone today.

Wage-Hour Law Lauded By Fletcher

Former State Official Now in Washington Speaks to Labor Meet In Raleigh; Urges Labor to Fight for Maintenance of Law.

Raleigh, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Major A. L. Fletcher, assistant wage-hour administrator, told the North Carolina Federation of Labor today that the Federal wage-hour law "is of the utmost importance to every man, woman and child in America who has to work for a living," even though it is not a "cure-all."

"Vicious counter-attacks" against the law, Fletcher said, "demand that labor fight in its defense. Maintenance in the nation of a large group

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FIVE DEAD IN WRECK OF BRITISH AIRPLANE

Copenhagen, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Five men, including an American, were killed today in the flaming crash of a British Airways liner into some straits about 60 miles south of Copenhagen. The victims included S. J. Simonton, whose home address in the United States was unavailable.

Cooper Draws Hostility Of Truck Owners

Raleigh, Aug. 15.—Proposal of Tom Cooper that some or all of North Carolina's highways be designated as "light traffic" roads has put truck owners and drivers through out the State actively to work against the colorful mayor of Wilmington.

That was completely obvious to any and all who attended the convention of the North Carolina Truck Owners Association at Wrightsville Beach last week-end.

Here was one convention the chief

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Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably showers in the interior.

Shutdown Of Oil Wells Is Probable

Step May Be Taken in Southwest as Effort To Boost Sagging Oil Prices; Course Not Supported By One Group.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 15.—(AP)—A shutdown of 177,800 oil wells producing two-thirds of the crude that provides the nation's gasoline was debated today by representatives of nine states here as a remedy for a toppling price structure.

Two schools of thought predominated at a meeting of the Interstate Compact Commission, organized to prevent waste in the giant industry. There were those who believed the shutdown, already ordered in the vast Texas field, would be recommended throughout the entire mid-continent area. Others advanced the theory that the meeting would collapse, with each state adopting an "after you" attitude which might eventually end by a stalemate.

The eyes of both sides were on Texas, where the railroad commission governing body, ordered a 15-day shutdown of 87,000 wells, effective at 7 a. m. today.

Whether Oklahoma, Kansas and possibly others of the compacting states would follow the Texas order hinged on legality of the decree. Observers said it would be futile for other states to shut down unless the vast Texas fields are closed. The

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State Labor Will Oppose Mr. Barden

Raleigh, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The North Carolina Federation of Labor adopted a resolution today directing its 1939-40 officers to try to prevent re-election to Congress of Granam A. Barden, Democrat, from the third district, due to his uncompromising stand on the questions involving the wage-hour law.

The resolutions set for that the New Bern congressman led the fight to "wreck the wage-hour law through amendments intended to take two millions of lowly paid workers from under the protection and provisions of the law, and 'has manifested a spirit not in keeping either with humanitarian thoughts or the trend of the times, which call for advancement of human interests."

The officers were directed to wage a campaign against Barden's re-election, or election "to any other position of trust where he would have the opportunity to work and vote against the interests of the people of this State or the United States."

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Five Gunmen Seize \$70,000 Bank Fund In Hold-Up In N. Y.

Long Beach, N. Y., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Five men, one of them armed with a machine gun, robbed a bank messenger of approximately \$70,000 on the main street of this summer resort today and apparently made a clean getaway.

The robbery set off a widespread search by land, sea and air. Directed by wireless, police cars, Nassau county harbor patrol boats, U. S. Coast Guard vessels and a police plane swept feverishly over the Long Island mainland and ocean front.

Land police, delayed in their pursuit of the bandit car by a parked

truck, with its rear tires punctured, blocked off the three bridges connecting with the Long Island mainland, but expressed fear they were too late.

Radio police cars halted an automobile 20 miles from here on the mainland, but an investigation showed it was not their quarry.

Early reports, lacking official confirmation, spread that police had engaged in a running gunfight with the bandits on Sunrise highway, one of Long Island's busiest parkway thoroughfares. Nassau County Police Inspector Harold King said he had heard nothing about it.

Protection May Soon Be Withdrawn

London Professes Ignorance of High Commissioner's Proposals Following Talk With Hitler; Poland's Attitude May Decide Course.

Geneva, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The League of Nations is ready to abandon its protection over the Free City of Danzig, League sources said today, if Poland approves such action as a step toward solution of its quarrel with Germany.

Prof. C. J. Burckhardt, the League high commissioner to Danzig, has returned to the free city after consultations last week with Hitler. A formal report by Burckhardt on his talks has not been received by the League secretariat, but unofficial reports indicated that negotiations were under way for a Polish-German "compromise."

Weight was lent to these indications by conference Burckhardt had with Nazi and Polish officials on his return to Danzig.

Any settlement, it was assumed in these quarters, would involve the League's withdrawal from Danzig and its replacement by a joint German-Polish authority. The question of League abandonment of Danzig has come up twice before the Council, once last January and once last May but each time Poland opposed it.

Now, League officials said, a proposal to take the League out of Danzig would certainly be adopted at the coming Council session September 8, if supported by Poland. The procedure, they said, would be for Burckhardt to file a report requesting abolition of his post of high commissioner, and severing the League's

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Mrs. Richard Tells About Jap Insults

Tientsin, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. M. F. Richard, a 59-year-old American widow, reported today she was detained and subjected to an "unprovoked" slapping at the hands of a Japanese guard when she sought to enter the blockaded French concession yesterday.

The Japanese vice-consul Noshida visited the American consulate today in an attempt to adjust the matter. It was understood, however, the consulate was dissatisfied with his explanation, and forwarded a full report to Washington.

After the incident, Mrs. Richard telephoned the American consulate, which in turn called the Japanese vice consul, who went to the barricade and apologized to her. The Japanese official offered to take her home in his car, but she declined.

A native of San Francisco, who has spent 34 years in China, Mrs.

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Japan Tight In Grip Of Army Group

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Aug. 15.—If good judgment counted for anything in Japan, American diplomacy and military experts wouldn't consider Nippon so dangerous. It isn't that the average Japanese hasn't ordinarily good judgment, either. The trouble with him, he isn't permitted to use it. It's obvious right now. All state departmental advices agree that the Tokyo government doesn't want an overly close alliance with Germany and Italy. Jap financiers also realize

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Huge Utility Properties Are Transferred To TVA

Carry-Over Sets Record In Cotton

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Census Bureau reported today that the cotton carry-over at the beginning of the cotton year 1939-40, on August 1, was 13,032,611 running bales, the largest quantity of cotton held at this time of the year in the history of government statistics.

A cotton crop of 11,412,000 bales this year was forecast earlier this month by the Agriculture Department. That will be added to the carry-over to make up the year's supply.

There was a carry-over of 11,533,459 bales a year ago, and 4,498,848, bales two years ago. The average carry-over for the ten years 1929-38 was 6,744,800 bales.

Tests Point To Slaying In Granville

Raleigh, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Fred C. Handy, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, said today that scientific investigations into the shooting of Emily Hedrick Chase at a Granville county filling station August 6, indicated that the woman had been slain rather than killed herself.

James W. Powell, scientific researcher in the bureau, said he made the tests with the gun, clothing worn by the woman when she was shot, and other articles, including

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Escaped as Train-Wrecker Kills Score



Wrapped in blankets as protection against the chill winds of early dawn, these women survivors sit disconsolately along the right of way after the crash of the City of San Francisco near Carlin, Nev. More than a score were killed and fifty injured as the streamliner, speeding west from Chicago, was derailed. A coroner's jury gave sabotage as the cause.

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