

## GERMANS TIGHTEN PRESSURE UPON POLAND

All Quiet on the Plattsburg Front



This aerial view shows one of the big encampments which house the 52,000 troops engaged in mimic warfare in the north New York-Plattsburg area. This encampment of the 18th Brigade includes the 13th Infantry, 5th Infantry and the 25th Field Artillery. It is in the Saranac sector of the "front." (Central Press)

## Floods Threatened By Two N. C. Rivers After Heavy Rains

Try at Endurance Record Blows Up

Fox Lake, Ill., Aug. 19.—(AP)—The attempt of two Lake county aviators to better the endurance record for light planes failed today after approximately nine hours of flying.

William Solberg, 40, and Homer Seavey, 24, landed their 55-horsepower monoplane at 9:45 a. m., central standard time, after an unsuccessful attempt to get fresh fuel flowing from a special refueling tank.

Hoping to stay aloft until September 2, the fliers took off from the Lake Region airport at 12:45 a. m.

Neuse and Cape Fear Rivers Rising Fastest; Western Carolina Streams Leave Banks; Roanoke Is Swelling Slowly.

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—(AP)—A threat of floods along lowlands of at least two North Carolina rivers followed today in the wake of heavy rains that officials feared had damaged crops and untreated dirt roads.

A small tornado, a part of the weather disturbance, dipped into McCullers, near here, yesterday, killing a Negro woman and injuring at least two persons and damaging crops and houses.

The heaviest rains fell west of Raleigh. At Asheville, it was reported that flooded streams were receding in that vicinity. The Yadkin river was rising last night at the rate of a foot an hour, and forecasters predicted a 17-foot flood stage by today.

Such an overflow would send seven feet of water over bottomlands in the Winston-Salem area.

The Neuse river pushed out of its banks at Smithfield this morning and still was rising rapidly. Weather Bureau officials here said they had not received enough data to predict a peak flood stage, but indicated the stream would rise at least four feet more.

The Cape Fear also was rising rapidly, but still was well within its banks at Fayetteville. The Roanoke was swelling slowly, and the Tar was apparently little affected by the heavy rains.

## Sen. Wheeler Talked As Compromise

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Washington, Aug. 19.—Senator Burton Wheeler of Montana is a peculiar individual to be mentioned as a possible liberal-conservative compromise for the Democrats' 1940 presidential nomination.

In his time Wheeler has been a liberal, if ever there was one. In fact, he generally was classed as ultra-radical. At least he was enough of a leftist to run vice presidentially on the

elder Senator Robert M. La Follette's Progressive ticket in 1924. With a record like that, one wouldn't think that present-era conservatives would be inclined to accept him as a candidatorial compromise, from their standpoint.

Nevertheless, not the most unqualified stand-patter in Congress has harpooned certain New Deal policies

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## Philadelphia Mayor, Just Retired, Dies

Philadelphia, Aug. 19.—(AP)—S. Davis Wilson, who retired only last week as mayor of Philadelphia because of illness, died today. He was 57. Death came to the fighting former mayor at 9:30 a. m. at his home. All members of his family were at the bedside.

Announcement was made by Wilson's son, Woodrow, confidential secretary to his father during his stormy career in office.

Wilson, one of the most colorful mayors in the city's history, retired August 11 with more than four and a half months of his term yet to run. Dr. George Wilson, Wilson's physician, gave the cause of death as cerebral thrombosis, and hypertension, a stroke and high blood pressure.

## Flora Heads Municipal League Body

Wrightsville Beach, Aug. 19.—(AP)—J. B. Flora, mayor of Elizabeth City, was elected president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities annual convention drew near conclusion today.

John Carmody, chief of the new Federal works agency, will be the principal speaker at a banquet tonight. The convention will close with a ball.

Other officers elected today: C. W. Snedburg, city manager of Greensboro, first vice-president; W. F. Carr, mayor of Durham, second vice-president; and Earl B. Horner, mayor of Burlington, third vice-president.

## Britain Has Sharp Eyes On Balkans

London, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Britain eyed the Balkans carefully as a growing danger spot today while holding firmly to an attitude of calm resolve in the face of grave European developments.

Government circles were said to have expected the announcement of the German "military possession of Slovakia" as a natural strategic move. The little country, which became a "protected state" after the partition of Czechoslovakia, yesterday provided the Reich with greater freedom to use it as a "jumping off" place by ratifying a military agreement with Germany.

Tacticians pointed out Germany, by having troops in Slovakia, on Hungary's northern border, could exert greater pressure upon Budapest for greater cooperation in event of war.

It also was pointed out here, German military forces in Slovakia would strengthen Germany's southeastern flank automatically in case of war against Poland.

The Balkan situation, it was said, will be prominently before the

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## Dies Committee Told Germany Has Designs On This Nation

Well Known Educator to Testify Monday On Nazi Designs on United States; Democrats Expected to Be More Cohesive Next Year.

Washington, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Told that Nazi Germany intends eventually to gobble up the United States, the Dies committee centered its attention today upon how this might be brought about.

A committee representative said, "a well known educator whose professional standing and knowledge is beyond dispute," would be called Monday to testify concerning efforts to introduce Nazi teachings in American colleges. He added that his testimony would deal with firsthand experience, but declined to disclose the educator's name.

Some seasoned Democratic leaders are predicting that the practical problem of re-election, which faces so many Democratic members of Congress in 1940, may serve to narrow the breach in the party's ranks during the next session. Although a Democratic-Republican coalition worked effectively against much administration legislation during the last session they said it might be more difficult to continue such a working agreement next year.

U. S. Preeminence Sought. Behind the scenes of a quiet celebration of the nation's first aviation day, military and civil officials are taking the first steps toward a gigantic program designed to give the United States preeminence in the air.

## WPA Driving Schools Get Good Results

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—Those who think women make the very worst automobile drivers because they don't know what it's all about, ought to join in a vote of thanks to the WPA-sponsored safe driving schools in North Carolina, which in 91 sessions have graduated 2,136 women completely qualified to operate motor vehicles on the highways.

The schools have caught "em young and its instructors are confident the feminine graduates have been given an education sufficient and practical enough to qualify them thoroughly with only a little practical experience needed to make them Grade A drivers.

Average age of all the 2,967 drivers graduated (white and colored, male and female), is 24, and so the fledgling operators aren't at all in the category of old dogs being taught new tricks.

A statistical breakdown for the 91 classes which have been completed has been issued by Lieutenant Early, of the WPA, who heads the schools operated in close cooperation with the State Highway Safety Division.

For whites the figures show there have been completed 78 classes in which there was a total enrollment of 3,292. Of these 2,420 graduated, 34 percent of them men, 66 women. Average age of whites enrollees was 23, and average grade for the courses was 89.

Raleigh, with 17 classes graduated, tops the list, with Winston-Salem's 16 classes only a step behind. Fayetteville has had 11 units, High Point 9, Asheville and Durham 6 each, New Bern 5, Wilmington 4, Charlotte 2, Goldsboro 1. In addition there was one special class conducted for principals and teachers of the Columbus county schools.

All but two of the cities (Charlotte and New Bern) are still maintaining the schools, which have a current enrollment of 314, divided as follows: Asheville 74, Durham 33, Fayetteville 13, Goldsboro 39, High Point 27, Raleigh 33, Wilmington 45 and Winston-Salem 50.

On the Negro side of the picture 13 classes have shown a total enrollment of 695, with 547 graduates, of whom 28 percent were men, 72 percent women. Average age of graduates was 26 and average grade attained by the graduates was 84.

Raleigh has graduated 7 classes, New Bern 3, Fayetteville 2 and Winston-Salem 1. Currently there are 150 Negroes enrolled, 50 each in schools at Fayetteville, Raleigh and Winston-Salem. The New Bern classes have been discontinued.

Director Ronald Hocutt, of the

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Unconditional return of Danzig to the Reich and "resettlement" of the Polish Corridor problem were reported Germany's latest demands on Poland, on eve of the Zoppot conference, between German and Danzig diplomatic experts. Polish delegates were barred. Tenseness of situation was increased by killing of a Polish soldier by Nazi guards at border city of Kohling. (Central Press)

## German Moves Parallel Sudeten Crisis of 1938

## Pope Pleads To Nations Against War

Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII asked today that statesmen of the world try to settle their quarrels and avert further war. Those who heard the pope speak in Italian quoted him as saying he had "not abandoned hope that the rulers, conscious of their responsibility, wanted to spare the people such a serious disaster."

He spoke to a large group of Italian pilgrims. His hearers said the pope advised "prudence and reserve" while awaiting development of events.

Meanwhile, the pope granted private audience to Postmaster General James A. Farley, who is on a European vacation trip.

## TWO ESCAPES FROM PRISONS REPORTED

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Leon Alphin, 35, serving a total of 20 years for conspiracy to rob, breaking and entering, and larceny and receiving, imposed in March, 1938, in Greene county, has escaped from Caledonia prison camp, Oscar Pitts, penal superintendent, said today.

James R. Richmond, 45, sent up from Johnston county in December to four to five years for forgery and false pretense, escaped from the Beaufort county camp, Pitts said.

## Denies Cost Excessive For Bridges

Manteo, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Melvin R. Daniels, president of the Southern Albemarle Association, issued a statement here today saying projects advocated by that organization would not cost nearly so much as Chief Highway Engineer Vance Baise was reported to have estimated.

In his statement, Daniels said completion of a road from Croatan Sound to Manteo would not cost more than \$10,000, instead of \$50,000 estimate attributed to Baise. "The probable cost of bridging Alligator river is set at \$900,000," his statement said. "When one considers the width and depth of this river, which compares with Currituck Sound, which was bridged for less than \$200,000, we must assume

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## Slovak Area Is Occupied By Military

Berlin Statement Says Poland Has Lost Control of Its Affairs; Nazi Press Plainly Rejects Idea Of Conference Settlement.

Warsaw, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The Polish viewpoint on Germany's tightening of her grip on Slovakia was summed in this way in political circles:

"It must be regarded as evidence that German pressure (on Poland) is now increasing hour by hour, instead of day by day. And also from a moral standpoint, the reported move in Slovakia must be regarded as interesting. The same Germany which complained so bitterly of 'encirclement' would appear to be embarking on a deliberate program of military encirclement of Poland."

## MILITARY POSSESSION OF SLOVAKIA DRAWN FIRMER

Bratislava, Slovakia, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The German army tightened its "protective" grip on Slovakia today with measures described by a Bratislava radio announcement last night as "military possession."

Treaty ignored. German troops were deployed along the Polish-Slovak frontier for at least 100 miles, a far greater zone than that fixed by treaty last March when Germany guaranteed Slovakia's independence for 25 years.

(In Berlin, it could not be confirmed that Germany had taken "military possession" of Slovakia. Quarters close to the foreign office indicated there had been no change in German recognition of Slovak sovereignty. These quarters said developments in Slovakia were "following the course mapped out when the country arranged for and received German protection.")

Soldiers of the Reich were reported moving in large numbers through the high Tatras, the mountainous stronghold of north-east Slovakia, which is regarded by military strategists as the backdoor to Poland.

Tens of thousands of German troops were observed in the vicinity of the northwest termination of the Polish frontier.

Bratislava, the capital, at the southwest tip of Slovakia, apparently remained under formal Slovak authority, but the rich Vag valley and the northern borderland admitted were controlled by the German military command.

Slovak radio listeners were stunned last night when an English-speaking voice, with reassuring

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## Georgia Has Total Sales 100 Million

Average \$12.89 as Final Week's Sales Amount to 4,000,000 Pounds; Farmer Sales Among Highest In Belt's History.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 19.—(AP)—with fourteen of the 65 warehouses unreported, Georgia's total tobacco sales for the season were given today as \$9,531,588 pounds, sold at an average \$12.89 per hundredweight.

Stiles Martin, statistician of the State Agriculture Department, who said fourth week sales, which ended yesterday, approximated 4,000,000 pounds. He estimated this went at an average of about 11.25 cents.

The season record for poundage in Georgia is 103,395,159 pounds, established in 1930, when the average price was 9.86 cents.

Farmer sales this year have been exceeded only five times in the 22-year-history of the bright leaf markets, and approached closely the total for one of the five years, 1931, when sales amounted to \$13,281,099.90.

The dollar volume was made up from the heavy sales, however, as the average price of 12.89 was lower than the average for 16 of the 22 years of the market.

## Major-Gen. Gulick Goldsboro Native Passes In Maine

Portland, Maine, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Major General John W. Gulick, 65, retired, former chief of artillery, died here yesterday of a cerebral hemorrhage he suffered two weeks ago. A native of Goldsboro, N. C., he began his military career as a first lieutenant of volunteers in the Philippines in 1898.

After retiring last November, he came to Portland, the home of his wife, to live. He is survived by his widow, who was Florence McMullan. Funeral services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery Monday.

## Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; possibly showers near north coast Sunday.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Occasional scattered showers with temperature near normal, except cooler over north portion in middle of week.