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War Averted, Berlin Source Says

Roosevelt Prepares United States For Emergency

Facts About Hitler Offer

Secretay Says He Has No Tangible Information; Numerous Conferences With Officials Are Held by President.

osevelt, waiting for reis second appeals for ntrated today on perrgency steps the United ld take in event of a

of conferences on war reserved the afteraid that for the time he ork in his private study. contemplate any further igned to forestall armed emphasized that this be changed if de-

Secretary Hull said at his press meanwhile, that he had tanglible information redign the proposal that Adolf Hitreported to have made for a with Poland. official dispatches bore out dications of a lessening of European tension, the State Department chief said it would serve no useful purpose to discuss that question in the present state of inter-

the day was with Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war on industrial preparedness. He then conferred with A. A. Berle, assistant secretary of state, and chairman of the interdepartmental committee working to lighten the effects of a possible war. Berle was understood to have prapared various proclamations dealing with America's neutrality.

Thousands **Americans** Rush Home

Upward of 5,000 Frantically Seek Passage on Westbound Liners and Many Are Turned Away for Lack of Space.

London, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Upward of 5,000 Americans, fearing outbreak of war in Europe, struggled with over-taxed transportation systems today to reach a port, a ship and

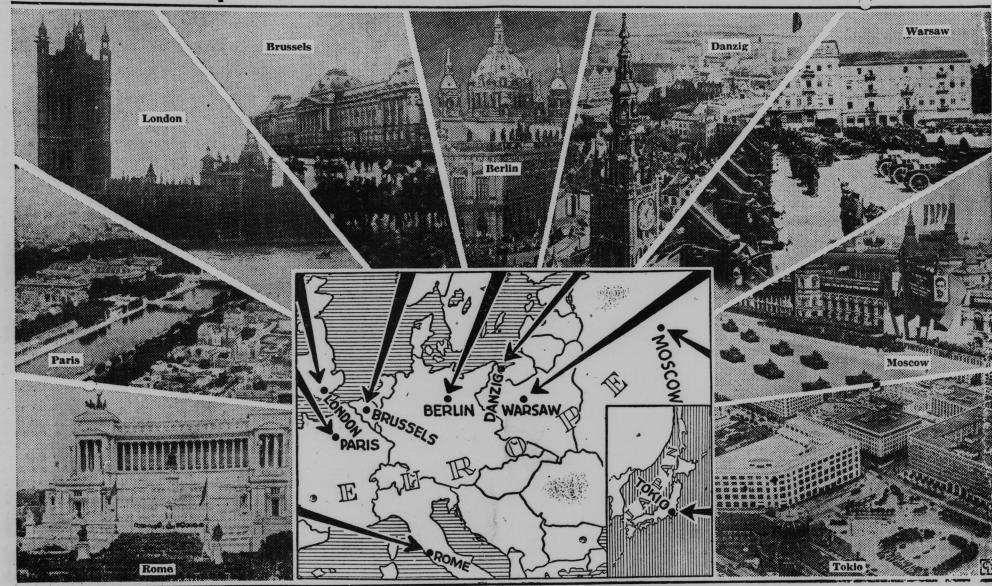
Best estimates put the number of cans on the continent and in sh Isles at 10,000, with more half of this number eager to get out of the threatened war zone. The rest, business men, newspaper men and women and residents of Europe are remaining.

Berths on returning American were at a premium and ng from lordly liners of the luxury trade to smaller or less glamships were sold out. Most cans wanted to sail on United ips, with Swedish, Nor-, Dutch and other neutral as second choice.

Among those on the continent are two cabinet members, James A. Farley and Henry Morgenthau. Farley has not yet reported his plans for returning. Morgenthau will sail

Thursday on a Norwegian liner. The shortage of ships was acute. More than 150 American tourists re-Hansa had been held at Hamburg. In Berlin, approximately 1,009 Americans received letters from the United States consulate-general asking them to leave the december of the d ing them to leave the country. Until nate, he doesn't exactly look like a advice to leave was given only

World Capitals Ponder Next Move in Current Crisis



Upheaval In Japan Now Hitler Lines Up Russia

Policy of Isolation Adopted at Tokyo; Germany Is Told She Has Violated Anti-Comintern Pact; Cabinet Shake-Up Rumored.

Tokyo, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The Japanese army formally approved Japan's turning away from the the anti-comitern pact among Japan, Rome-Berlin axis in favor of inter- Germany and Italy to fight internanational isolation today and the government protested to Berlin that the had supported the pact, and certain German-Soviet non-aggression treaty army elements recently had demandanti-comintern pact.

The army's statement of approval casts that cabinet changes were im- the entire Japanese nation toward a

It declared that it was imperative to strengthen quickly the military campaign in China, in order to overcome "temptations and machinations which were expected to be "directed toward the empire."

Pact Regarded as Dead. It also declared as good as dead tional communism. The army long was a violation of the spirit of the anti-comintern pact.

ed a military alliance with Berlin and Rome. The statement therefore, indicated how far the shock of the was issued amid authoritative fore- German-Russian accord had turned

new foreign policy.

The protest to Germany, delivered in Berlin, declared that Germany, by coming to an accord with Soviet plosion could occur. Russia, the home of communism, had

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Is Guarded

Very Closely

Cristobal, Canal Zone, Aug.

26.—(AP)—Persistent but un-

confirmed reports were heard

today that vessels of the British

ron were patrolling the Carib-

bean Sea within 50 miles of the

Panama Canal to intercept Ger-

man shipping in the event of

Concentration of the squad-

ron, which includes four cruis-

ers, was reported by incoming

vessels. British authorities said

they were without information

about the quadron, which bases

at Bermuda, but expressed no

surprise at the report, in view of

German shipping still was pro-

ceeding through the canal, the

freighter Hanover sailing for

However, some American stu-dents bound for Hamburg aboard

the German liner Seattle disem-

barked here following a confer-

ence with the Seattle's captain,

who said he could not assure

the ship would reach its destina-

tion, owing to the possibility of

hostilities in Europe.

existing conditions.

Hamburg fully laden.

American and West Indies squad-

Stettinius Talked For White House

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Aug. 26.-Edward R. Stettinius seems like an odd individual to be presidentially mentioned. Nevertheless he's

quite a bit talked

about in Washing-

ton as a White

House suitability, even if not, as

much as a pro-

bability- not yet,

anyway. Just what

ticket, if any, he'd

run on isn't at all

clear. Nobody ap-

pears to have a

definite idea as to



Stettinius

his party politics. was one of President Hoovturned to Paris from Cherbourg after er's chief advisers in the early days hey had been told the German liner of the depression. Now he's chairman of President Roosevelt's re-

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Wall Street War Likely

Traders Turn Optimistic and Market Bounds Upward; Results Expected from Negotiations Now Under Way.

New York, Aug. 26 .- (AP) -- Wall Street generally guessed "no war" today, and an early buying rush in the stock market pushed leaders up one to more than three points. While the overseas picture seemed a trifle brighter, trade inclined to cash profits on the upswing in view of the fact that a week-end is intervening, during which the long-dreaded ex-

The result was that activity slackened somewhat after the opening, but final prices in most cases were not far from the best. Transfers for the two hours were around 500,000

There was a further mild revival War Picture Panama Canal of the optimism which touched off yesterday's rally as Hitler's terms for peace with Poland, supposedly given British Ambassador Henderson at a At A Glance conference yesterday, were delivered to the government at London, and Prime Minister Chamberlain summoned an emergency cabinet meet-

ing for later in the day. Although actual details of Hitler's proposals were not known, word from Rome indicated they were much less drastic than had been expected and might possibly lead to a compromise that would avert another alleviate international tension.

Wheat, usually up as war threatens, dipped further at Chicago and Winnipeg. Bonds improved all around, led by U. S. Governments, offer; nation continues however to

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday, with occasional show-ers in east and possibly south central portions.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Generally fair first half of week except for local showers in Florida, scattered showers in latter part; temperatures normal except slightly below over north portion first of week.

Britain Considers Offer Appears Imminent After Guesses No Of Peace Made By Hitler The turning point, the informant contended, came at 2 o'clock this morning. At that time, he said, an

Germany Will Not Violate Belgium

Brussels, Aug. 26.—(AP)—King Leopold today received in au-dience German Ambassador von Buelow-Schwante, who was reported to have renewed assurances from his government that Germany will respect Belgian frontiers in event of war.

The ambassador was under-stood to have said the German note of Ociober 13, 1937, pledging respect for Belgian neutrality remained in force and that Germany would in no way attack the integrity of Belgium, and would respect her frontiers as long as Belgium maintained her attitude of strict neutrality.

Earlier in the day the Belgian cabinet drafted a decree for use by the king in advancing the partial mobilization of military forces if the European crisis becomes

(By The Associated Press.) Berlin-A trustworthy and authoritative source insists compromise is developing in the Germanworld conflagration. In addition, the second Roosevelt message to Hitler was seen as a constructive move to was seen as a constructive move to 2 a. m., when orders to begin opera-

London—British cabinet called round, led by U. S. Governments, consider Hitler's reported peace Carolina corporation issues and a number of offer; nation continues, however, to Eastern Carolina

> kome—Mussolini reported have met with Italian high command after two telephone consultations between Rome-Berlin axis partners. Fascist press reflects hope peace may be saved.

> Paris-Daladier confers with British ambassador, maintains close British-French contract; French ambassador called home from Moscow for "long leave". Three new military groups ordered out, making French mobilization almost complete, with 2,200,000 under arms.

> Warsaw-Poland agrees to President Roosevelt's suggestion to re-

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France Arms 2,200,-000 Men as Argu-Britan To

ment in Negotiations; Mussolini Would Reply Sunday Help Hitler, but Opposes War; Vatican To Fuehrer More Hopeful.

London, Aug. 26.—(AP)—After a three-hour conference with the British ambassador to Berlin, who flew to London from a meeting with Adolf Hitler, Prime Minister Chamberlain summoned an emergency cabinet meeting on the European

crisis for this evening.
Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax, who had been present at the conference of Chamberlain and the British envoy, Sir Nevile Henderson, went across the street to consult with Charles Corbin, the French ambassador to London, at the foreign office. Soon after the announcement of the cabinet meeting, the Polish ambassador in London, Count Edward Raczynsky, called at the foreign of-

These moves, coupled with reliable diplomatic reports on the nature of Sir Neville's consultation with Hitler yesterday, led to wide-spread speculation on the prospect of some form of negotiations.

King George commanded Sir Neville to come to Buckingham Palace after the ambassador had con-ferred with Foreign Minister Lord Halifax and Chamberlain. Sir Neville planned to fly back to Berlin late to-

FRENCH MOBILIZATION TO BACK DIPLOMATIC MOVES Paris, Aug. 26—(AP)—The French government today mobilized three additional military groups. This call to the colors made

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France's mobilization in the face of

Streams Affected Little From Rains

Eastern North Carolina had little effect on rivers, H. E. Kickline, of the dMr. Roosevelt's suggestion of con-Raleigh Weather Bureau, said. The ciliation and suggested indirectly Neuse river is falling rapidly in its that Roosevelt be the conciliator. He upper portions, he said, but is still voiced approval of Mr. Roosevelt's rising at Goldsboro and Kinston. The sugar stream, swollen from heavy rains last week, now is about three feet method of peaceful settlement, and out of its banks at Goldsboro, he ad- added, "we consider likewise the ded, and is expected to reach a crest method of conciliation by a third there of about six feet in flood by Monday or Tuesday.

Orders For Advance Are Rescinded

Command to Army to Move at 4:30 a. m., Recalled Two Hours Before Zero Moment: Measures Taken Arranged in Advance.

Berlin, Aug. 26.—(AP)—A trustworthy and authoritative informant insisted today that a "compromise in the German-Polish crisis is under way" and declared that "the danger of a world war is definitely averted."

The informant tuck to his viewpoint, even when he was shown latest developments, including Germany's prohibition on private aviation, the stoppage of boat service to Danzig, the cancellation of a large number of trains and the designation of Upper Silesia as an "area of military operations."

All these measures, he explained, had been decided upon earlier and were now being executed as it always takes time for an order from the top to come through to those who must put it into effect.

Turning Point At 2 A. M. The turning point, the informant contended, came at 2 o'clock this

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London, Aug. 26 .- (AP) -The British government will send its reply to Adolf Hitler's reported peace offer to Berlin tomorrow. it was disclosed tonight as the cabinet met in emergency session to draft the answer.

Sir Nevile Headerson, British ambassador to Berlin, who flew to London this morning with Hitler's message, will take the British reply back by plane to-

morrow morning.

There was no indication wnat this answer would be, but it was

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Poles Hint Roosevelt 3 To Mediate

Warsaw Accepts President's Plea to Refrain from Any Hostile Act; New Series of Border Incidents Occur, How-

Warsaw, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Poland agreed today, to President Rooseany hostile act, provided Germany Raleigh, Aug. 26.—(AP)— Local "also agrees to refrain from any rains today in scattered sections of such act, direct or indirect."

President Ignace Moscicki acceptthat direct negotiation

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