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France Opens Land, Sea, Air Operations on Germans All But Few Saved From Torpedoed British Liner Hitler Expects To Subjugate Poland In Few Weeks

Here's What Italy's Neutrality Means



Italy (1) has shown no indication of giving Germany military help. As result, British forces from India and from concentrations in Egypt during recent months may be shunted from heavy guardianship over the Suez Canal (2), through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, pledged by Turkey (4) as open to England and France in time of war, to a landing in Rumania (3), then into Poland from the South. Italy's lagging permits France to free troops guarding the Italian frontier (5) and to hurl her entire strength against Franco-German frontier (6). England is expected to shuttle planes from London (7) over Germany to Poland, bombing on the way, and that France would shuttle-bomb Germany from her airports in Central France (8).

Fuehrer Is Relying On 'West Wall'

Departing for Polish Front, Hitler Assures Western Army Whole Strength Soon Will Be Sent There for Operations.

Berlin, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler, relying on the Siegfried line of fortifications in the west to "shelter and defend" Germany against Britain and France, joined his troops on the eastern front today to direct the drive to conquer Poland, and thus "burst open the ring laid around Germany."

Destroyers On Guard In Rescue Work

Only Reported Dead Are Those Killed by Torpedo Explosion; Germany Claims Ship Struck British Mine; 311 Americans on Board.

London, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The ministry of information, answering German allegations that the sunken liner Athenia had struck a floating British mine, said "no British mines have been laid in that area" (off the northwest coast of Ireland, where the Athenia went down).

France Moves Fast To Lessen Pressure On The Polish Army

Land Offensive Launched Near Swiss Border Where Burgundy Gate Opens Into Germany Through Vosges Mountains There.

Paris, Sept. 4.—(AP)—France opened land, sea and air operations against Germany today. The war ministry announced the nation's full forces went into action in a campaign to relieve German pressure on France's eastern ally, Poland.

Poles Retire In Face Of Reich Might

Withdrawal in One Place Admitted, But Polish Cavalry Reported to Have Recaptured Some Points And Entered Germany.

Warsaw, Sept. 4.—(AP)—A communiqué from the Polish general staff today announced withdrawal of Polish forces from Czesochowa, a town of 120,000 in southwest Poland, after a strong offensive by greatly superior German forces, using tanks and heavy artillery.

Britain's Fleet Establishes Speedy Blockade Of Germany

London, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Britain's mighty fleet took up battle stations today to enforce a blockade of Germany as in the last year, while the guns of her French ally were roaring on the western front.

in the Belfort region north of the three-sided border between France, Switzerland and Germany. Germany apparently was to feel the might of Britain's navy as its first taste of warfare with the nation whose sea power was overwhelming in the World War 25 years ago.

control of contraband and searches of ships indicated Britain's blockade of Germany was put into force quickly following the declaration of Prime Minister Chamberlain yesterday that a state of war existed between Britain and Germany. The state of war began at 11 a. m. (5 a. m., eastern standard time) when a British ultimatum to Germany to call her armies out of Poland expired without an answer from Berlin.

Smothering Shelling Of Danzig Near

Danzig, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The Danzig populace was cleared out of all territory adjoining the Westerplatte ammunition dump today, apparently in preparation for a smothering bombardment of the little Polish garrison.

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U. S. Envoy's Villa Bombed Near Warsaw

Warsaw, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The United States ambassador to Poland reported to the State Department in Washington today he believed the bombing of his villa in a Warsaw suburb yesterday was deliberate.

The ambassador, Anthony J. Drexel-Biddle, Jr., said the German plane, which dropped six bombs on his and adjoining villas, loosed its cargo at a low altitude just before it came out of a power dive. One of the bombs wrecked a nearby villa. Windows in the Biddle house were shattered, but members of the household escaped unhurt.

Danish Town Is Attacked By Bombers

Copenhagen, Denmark, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The Danish radio today reported a high flying airplane of unidentified nationality had dropped two bombs on the Danish seaport town of Esbjerg, on the west coast of Jutland, killing at least two persons. The report said a three-story apartment house had been demolished by the bombs.

Bremen's Fate Is Yet Deep Mystery

New York, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The whereabouts of the Bremen, \$30,000,000 pride of the German mercantile fleet, was a mystery in shipping circles today. A broadcast report that the luxury liner had been captured by a British man-of-war was officially denied by British government sources.

Departure of the steamer was delayed 40 hours by a search for war munitions by United States officials. When she left, the Bremen carried no passengers, but was manned by a crew of 908. She was stocked with food supplies for as many as 1,500 passengers, and carried a full fuel supply.

Japan Waits Somebody's Proposition

Tokyo, Sept. 4.—(AP)—A foreign office spokesman indicated today that Japan is holding the door open for possible participation in the European war.

Observers believed the government was delayed action in the hope of an offer, obviously from Great Britain, whereby the war in China could be liquidated quickly in return for Japanese assistance.

German Freighter Seized by British In South America

Montevideo, Uruguay, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The Uruguayan coast guard headquarters here said today the German freighter Olinda had been captured by the British cruiser Ajax and not sunk, as earlier reported.

Italian Liners To Sail, Pointing To Neutrality

Rome, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Added indication of Italy's intention to remain neutral in the European war was provided today in the announcement that Italian passenger lines would resume their sailings in a few days. The announcement was made even as indications were heard freely that Italy's neutrality would be short-lived.

Neutrality Decree For U. S. Coming

Washington, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Proclamations by President Roosevelt declaring neutrality and invoking the neutrality law will be issued within the next 24 hours, the White House announced today.

Labor Day Deaths In United States Have Reached 216

(By The Associated Press.) The United States counted its Labor Day week-end dead on the highways and in domestic tragedies today while Europe counted hers in the zones of war.

With the third day of the long week-end yet to run its course, at least 216 persons were dead, 140 traffic accidents, 36 by drowning and 40 by shootings, falls, suicides, struck by lightning and from miscellaneous causes. North Carolina had one fatality.

Jap-Soviet Peace Move At Moscow

Moscow, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Negotiations have begun for settlement of the "undeclared war" between Soviet Russia and Japan on the Outer Mongolia-Manchoukuo frontier. It was understood unofficially today. The belief was that a fresh approach to a settlement had been made yesterday when the Japanese ambassador called on Foreign Commissar Molotov.

Russia also had an attentive ear for the echo of cannon beyond her western frontier, although sources close to the government emphasized the Soviet intends to remain neutral.

GERMAN BOMBING PLANES FLYING TOWARD ENGLAND. Amsterdam, Sept. 4.—(AP)—A Netherlands radio announcement tonight said that German bombing planes had been seen flying west over Netherlands territory. The German planes were reported sighted over two towns in Friestland province, and farther west over the Isle.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; showers in the mountains tonight and on the coast Tuesday; slightly cooler in the northeast portion Tuesday.