

## GERMANS CAPTURE TWO RICH POLISH CITIES

### Roosevelt Issues Proclamation On U. S. Neutrality

#### Regulations Designed To Keep Peace

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Washington, Sept. 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt proclaimed American neutrality today.

He signed and Secretary Hull countersigned a proclamation of over 4,000 words establishing an extensive list of regulations designed to keep Americans from projecting the United States into the European war.

Another proclamation, to be issued under the 1937 neutrality act, was scheduled for consideration at a White House conference later in the afternoon. It will put into operation an embargo on export of arms, ammunition and implements of war to the combatant nations.

The President signed his name on the document about one p. m. in the presence of Hull, Acting Attorney General Robert Jackson, Sumner Welles, under secretary of state, A. A. Berle, assistant secretary of state, and Stephen Early, presidential secretary.

Earlier the State Department had virtually halted travel of American citizens to Europe.

Earl Browder, general secretary of the American communist party, told the Dies committee that the party was offered \$250,000 by a group of anonymous individuals in 1936 to nominate President Roosevelt as its candidate. The offer was made to him as party head, Browder testified, by a man whom he knew only as "Davidson". Davidson, he said, told him he was representing a group of six or seven Republicans.

"The original proposition," Browder told the committee, "was to nominate Mr. Roosevelt as the candidate, but when I just laughed at that he made the modified proposition of withdrawing in favor of the President."

The government began gathering testimony to fix responsibility in the sinking of the liner Athenian with over 300 Americans aboard. The State Department announced the American minister to Ireland, John Cudahy, went from Dublin to Galway and cabled from the latter port that he had interviewed the captain of the Athenian, members of the crew and a number of American passengers.

#### G. O. P. Claims Of N. C. Gains "Idle Talk"

Daily Dispatch Bureau,  
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By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Sept. 5.—Grandiose gestures of Republican leaders in North Carolina, such as, for instance, as Jake Nevel and Charlie Jonas, might lead a few unthinking folks into a belief that the G. O. P. big wigs actually entertain ideas about controlling North Carolina's legislature in 1941, or at some other future date.

A few facts from the past, however, will give some indication of how much solid basis there is for such thoughts.

As a matter of fact the Republicans have never recovered from the defeat they have come in the last fifteen years to having real strength in the General Assembly.

That was in 1929, when they had 23 representatives and a dozen senators as the result of the Al Smith debacle in Tar Heel. The House in 1927 and 20 in 1925; but when 1931 rolled round the G. O. P. touched rock bottom to date in their legislative representation, meagre five in the house, two in the Senate.

Since then they have done practically no better, with two their constant Senate quota and 13 their absolute tops in the House.

Looking over the legislatures since 1925, and including the assem-

#### The Nazis Take Their First Prisoners of War



Central Press Radiophoto

In this picture, flown to Berlin from Warsaw and radioed to New York, Polish prisoners, captured by Nazi troops, are pictured hands held high, during the first day of Hitler's undeclared war. This picture was passed by the Nazi censor and issued as propaganda for Germany. One result, it has been reported, was to stiffen the attitude of Britain and France who are in a state of war with the Reich.

## French Enter German Territory

#### Trio Missing U. S. Planes All Safe

Christobal, Canal Zone, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Army authorities today announced three United States army planes previously reported missing over Costa Rica had been found with all personnel aboard safe.

The aircraft, pursuit planes of the new P-36 type, had become detached from a group of 30 being flown yesterday from March, Langley and Selfridge fields to Panama. Bad weather forced them to make emergency landings.

First army reports did not disclose where the three planes had been located.

#### Labor Day's Deaths Total 373 For U. S.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Violent deaths in the nation over the Labor Day weekend numbered at least 373. Traffic accidents were the chief cause of deaths, as usual.

Drownings, shootings, train accidents and other causes swelled the list of fatalities. The nation counted at least 49 drownings.

The Middle West suffered the heaviest loss of life, contributing more than a third of the nation's total.

Deaths by states included, North Carolina 2, South Carolina 5, Virginia, 6.

#### AAA Cotton Cards Being Speeded Up

College Station, Raleigh, Sept. 5.—AAA workers have speeded up the issuance of 1939 cotton marketing cards so that every North Carolina producer should have his card by September 15, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, announced today.

Two types of cards are issued, Floyd explained. The white card indicates that a grower has not exceeded his cotton acreage allotment and therefore is free to sell all the cotton he produces without penalty.

However, a red card is issued to those producers who have overplanted their allotment. All cotton sold above their allotment will be subject to a tax of three cents a pound.

According to AAA figures, there are 108,371 cotton farms in North

#### Trouble Reported at Many Points in Ger- many and Czech- oslovakia; France's Operations Shrouded Somewhat in Mys- tery.

Paris, Sept. 5.—(AP)—(via radio)—The French government announced today that French forces had made contact with the German troops on the western front and had penetrated into German territory.

A semi-official Paris radio reported trouble in Germany, and said there had been disorders in Cologne, Dusseldorf and Essen, as well as the areas of all Czechoslovakia.

Dispatches from Copenhagen reported naval fighting off the coast of Denmark.

#### FRENCH OPERATIONS ARE HELD IN STRICT SECRECY

Paris, Sept. 4.—(AP)—France pursued her second day of military operations against Germany today with the official announcement that "movements developed normally for the entire land, sea and air forces."

This was announced in the war ministry's communique No. 3. Germany replied with an aerial invasion which brought an early morning air raid alarm to Paris. Later, an official military source said the planes had come on "a scouting trip" without dropping bombs.

The three issued war ministry communiqués have failed to shed any light on France's operations along her Rhineland frontier, beyond the fact that she has gone to the military aid of her ally, Poland.

Official advices reported "stubborn fighting," however, on the German-Polish eastern front. France's operations were understood to be testing Germany's fortifications to seek the weak point of the Siegfried line and divert German forces from Poland.

#### JONESBORO BOY IS GIVEN LONG TERM

Wilson, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Kenneth Cameron, 19, of Jonesboro, was sentenced today to ten to twelve years in State's Prison by Judge Leo Carr after Cameron's plea of guilty to the hold-up robbery of W. A. Lucas, chairman of the State Elections Board, and his wife a year ago.

Cameron admitted in court that he stole the automobile and \$11 from Lucas and left the Wilson couple stranded on a highway near here.

#### GERMANS DESTROY 2 BRITISH PLANES

Berlin, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The official German news agency, DNB, announced today two British scouting planes were shot down over Hamburg today. The news bureau asserted that four British planes appeared over Hamburg during the afternoon and were promptly engaged by German scouting planes.

#### Call to Arms



C. P. Radiophoto

Just before the state of war was declared in London against the Nazi Reich, the proclamation of general mobilization, signed and sealed by King George VI, was read as pictured above.

#### Thousands Of Poles Fleeing From Warsaw

Warsaw, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Thousands of Poles and several hundred foreigners, including most of the Americans remaining here, left this Polish capital city today, leaving for the interior beyond reach of the German armies and German planes.

There were reports that officials of the government itself might leave within a few hours.

Anthony J. Drexel-Biddle, Jr., American ambassador, his family and most of the staff left during the day in a motor caravan flying American flags. They headed for an undisclosed spot, where Biddle proposed to continue functioning as nearly normal as possible.

Other Americans, including a number of Polish descent, occupied the extra seats in the Biddle caravan. As it was getting under way, bomb explosions and the roar of the "archies," anti-aircraft guns, were heard in the distance.

#### Markets On Upward Dash During Day

#### Expectation of "War" Prices Pushes Quota- tions of Stocks and Commodities to Fan- cy Levels; Wheat Goes Limit Allowed.

New York, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Wall Street experienced one of the most spectacular upsurges in prices in stocks and commodities in its history today as resumption of trading after the holiday found a feverish urge to buy in expectation of "war" prices.

Stocks, particularly steels, non-ferrous metals, oils, chemicals and machinery makers, jumped \$1 to around \$15 a share.

Wheat again bounded the limit permitted in a day's trading of five cents a bushel at Chicago, Winnipeg and Minneapolis, and raw materials generally surged upward, both food and industrial.

#### Production Chief For Plane Supply Is Dead In Ohio

Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Major Cobb Morris, 48, of Washington, D. C., died last night at the Miami Valley hospital following an operation performed Friday. Major Morris was attached to the building and planning section of the air corps and had worked directly out of the air corps' chief office for the past three months in connection with the expansion program now in progress.

At the time of his death he was making a tour of all the air corps fields in the country. Major Morris was a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and a veteran of the World War. Surviving are his widow, one daughter, one sister, his father and one brother.

#### EDGEcombe BONDS ARE DISPOSED OF

Raleigh, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The Local Government Commission today approved issuance of more than \$300,000 securities, including Battleboro school district, Edgecombe, refundings, and Pinetops, Edgecombe, \$7,000 refunding.

#### Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly cooler on the coast to- night.

#### Britain's Planes Drop Propaganda

London, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The ministry of information announced tonight that planes of the Royal Air Force had dropped 3,000,000 additional pamphlets in appeals to the German people in extensive flights last night over the coal and iron districts of the Ruhr.

The planes, the ministry said, returned safely without having been engaged by German pursuit planes. On a previous such propaganda raid, six million leaflets were reported dropped.

#### Submarine Sinks One More Ship

#### Crew of 23 Saved From British Steamer Bosnia; London An- nounces Sinking of German Ship Also; Crew Saved.

Liverpool, England, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The Cunard Line announced today that its steamer Bosnia had been sunk by a submarine and her crew of 23 rescued by a Norwegian tanker.

A message from the 2,407-ton Bosnia, interrupted before completion, gave her position as about 100 miles off the Scottish coast. One death aboard the Bosnia was reported, that of a fireman. The Bosnia was set ablaze by gunfire and then torpedoed, the company announced.

Meantime, at London, information was received that the German ship, Karl Fritzen, had been sunk and that its crew was safe.

The announcement likewise recounted the already reported sinking of the German ship Olinda, sent to the bottom Sunday by the guns of a British cruiser.

The Karl Fritzen, of 659 tons gross, was bound from the Netherlands for Canada or Buenos Ayres.

Also, London reported the minis-

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#### Cotton Sale Is Hampered.

Washington, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace said today that the European war made the problem of disposing of American cotton surplus more serious.

#### HOG PRICES SWING TO SKYWARD LEVEL

Raleigh, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Hog prices skyrocketed upward at three North Carolina markets today, the Department of Agriculture reported, with tops going up 25 to 50 cents per 100 pounds.

The Rocky Mount top at \$7.50 was up 50 cents.

## Athenian Was Torpedoed And Shelled By U-Boat; Survivors Tell Tragedy

Greenock, Scotland, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Victims of the war's first great sea tragedy, 600 shaken and weeping survivors of the torpedoed British liner Athenian arrived on rescue ships today with tales of horror.

Two hundred of those arriving here were injured. One survivor, John McEwan, of Glasgow, said a submarine torpedoed the Athenian and then twice shelled the vessel as her lifeboats were being lowered.

(German authorities in Berlin categorically denied that a German submarine was involved. German Secretary of State von Weizsaecker told the United States Charge d'Affaires Alexander Kirk that "German sea forces could not possibly have been responsible.")

An undetermined number of Americans and Canadians were among the injured brought here. A member of one of the rescue crews said the first SOS from the Athenian

## Government Might Leave The Capital

#### Menace of German Planes May Drive High Officials Fur- ther Inland; Captures Give Germans Con- trol of Upper Silesia.

Berlin, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Germany today announced the capture of two rich Polish industrial cities, Katowice and Chorzow, near the Polish-German frontier in Silesia.

Both towns, on the direct route to Krakow, Poland's ancient capital, virtually had been surrounded by previous attacks, where the German border bulges into southwestern Poland, but the final thrust against them had been delayed.

Germans had said they feared the Poles would blow up mines and steel rolling mills, which they said were mined with explosives, but the Poles were said to have been surprised and fled without damaging the valuable property.

Capture of the two towns would give Germany control of the highly important Upper Silesian industrial sector. A United States concern, the American Silesian Company, owns some zinc mines at Katowice.

At the same time, German authorities declared ten British bombers had been shot down yesterday when they raided the German fleet near the entrance to the strategic Kiel Canal. Revising their previous statement that five of 12 British raiders were destroyed, German officials said more than half of the attackers were downed, and declared no damage was done to Nazi warships, despite British statements to the contrary.

(In London officials claimed "severe damage" was inflicted on two German warships.)

Germany reported capture of the two Polish cities as Adolf Hitler, the Reich's first soldier, followed his troops into East Prussia, and the German news agency announced triumphantly that East Prussia had been reunited with Germany proper.

#### WARSAW GOVERNMENT MAY LEAVE CAPITAL SHORTLY

Warsaw, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Reports were current today that officials of the Warsaw government might leave Warsaw within a few hours. German planes made two raids on the capital.

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#### ANGIER MAN KILLED IN WRECK OF AUTO

Raleigh, Sept. 5.—(AP)—J. K. Adams, 35, of Angier, Route 2, was instantly killed and Essie Mae Tant, of Raleigh, was seriously injured early today in an automobile accident.

Coroner Roy Banks said a truck operated by Adams collided with a tree on a side road near here.

As the rescue work went on, no

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