

FRENCH SINK WEDGE IN SIEGFRIED LINE

Congress May Refuse FDR Arms Repeal Request

Average For Tobacco Is \$14.10 Here

713,410 Pounds Sold Opening Day, All-Time Record Here; Day's Break Also Set New High; Prices Reported Steady Today.

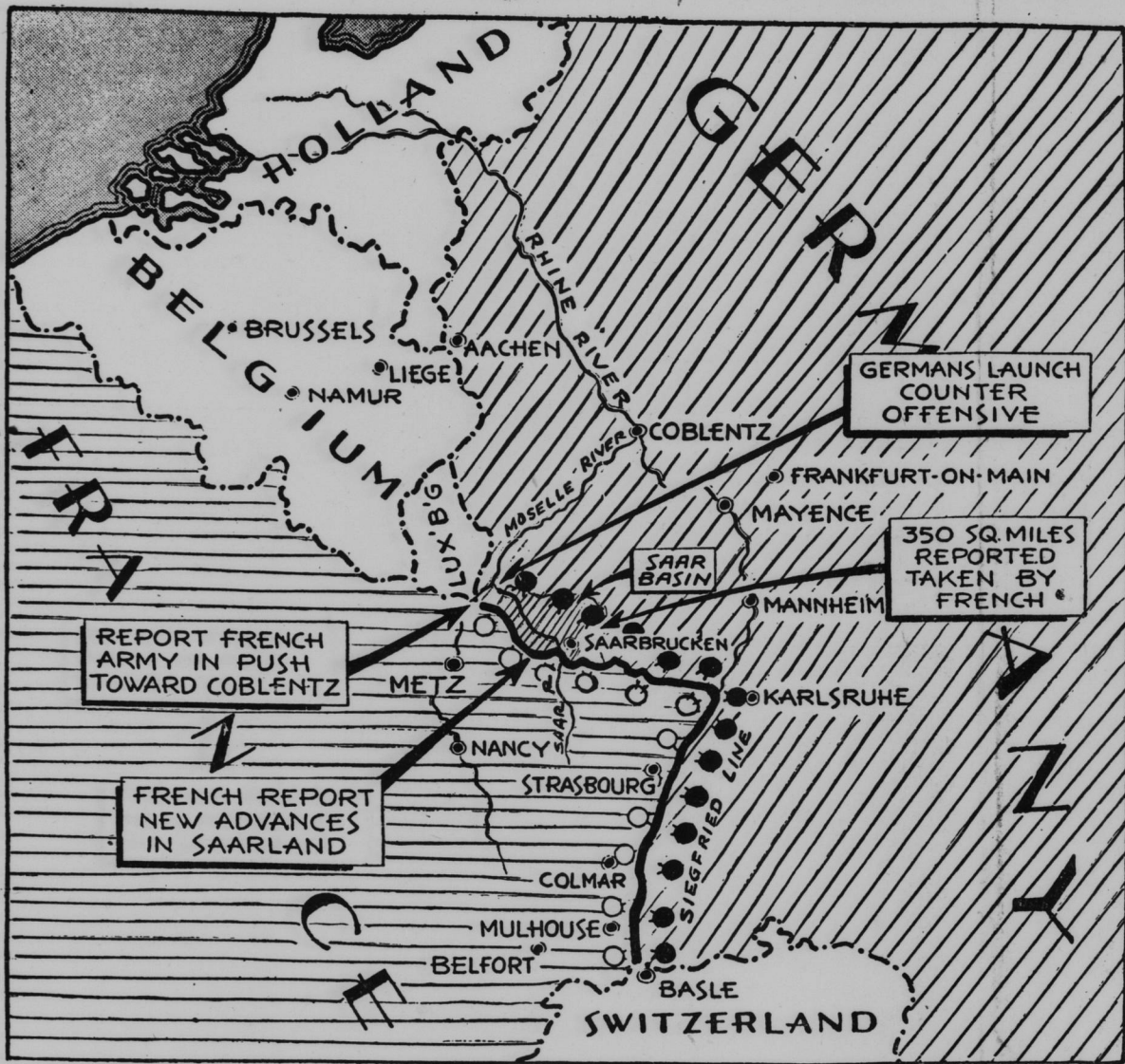
A price of \$14.10 per hundred pounds was made by the Henderson tobacco market Monday for the opening day's sale of the season, Fred M. Allen, Jr., sales supervisor, announced today.

With 713,410 pounds sold for \$10,168.60, the market set a new all-time high for a single day's sale. An estimated 1,500,000 pounds of the season was also another all-time record for the market. The new records were set despite the handicap of the impending "holiday" following the clearing of the warehouse floors Wednesday.

Monday's sale compared with 266,444 pounds sold on opening day last year for \$116,432.56 for an average of \$22.90 per hundred pounds, and 433,008 pounds for \$11,233.31 for an average of \$25.69 on opening day two years ago, on September 16.

Allen said farmers "appeared highly pleased" over prices paid Monday, due to the fact that although considerably lower than last year, most growers had resigned themselves to a much lower

French Advance Despite Nazi Counter-Attacks



More than 350 square miles of German territory have fallen before the French advance on the Western Front, reports from Paris indicate. Planes, tanks, artillery and motor columns participated in the attack which "dented" the outer defenses of Germany's famed Westwall, despite counter-attacks by Reich troops.

British Government Evacuating Staffs From London Areas

State To Enforce Leaf Scrap Levy

Raleigh, Sept. 12.—(AP)—A group of eight or ten revenue department deputies and officials scattered to Eastern North Carolina tobacco markets today to enforce the \$250 license tax on persons who buy scrap tobacco from producers and haul it to markets. Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell said he had reports yesterday that scrap was being rushed to market, and that his men would see to it that it was legally handled. Redrying plants handling scrap tobacco have paid their \$500 license tax in most instances Maxwell said.

E. F. Arnold, Farm Bureau secretary, conferred with Maxwell about the matter after receiving complaints from many farmers that scrap was being handled by unlicensed haulers.

Growers Of Halifax Ask Referendum

Scotland Neck, Sept. 12.—(AP)—About twenty of the leading tobacco growers of Halifax county met in emergency session here last night and adopted a resolution urging an early referendum on control of the 1940 tobacco crop, and asking the government to step in now and buy the better grades usually taken by foreign companies.

The resolution was telegraphed to six members of a committee tomorrow will confer in Washington tomorrow with Henry Wallace, secretary of agriculture, about what can be done to aid tobacco growers, since buyers of British firms have withdrawn from markets, causing a "tobacco holiday."

FINNISH SHIP SUNK ON STRIKING MINE

Copenhagen, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Fourteen men were killed today when the Finnish bark Olivebank was blown up about 105 miles southwest of Esbjerg, southwestern Denmark. Seven men picked up by a fishing boat said the vessel struck a mine.

No Ministers Will Leave Capital, However; British People Told Officially Their Soldiers Are Now in Front Lines in France

London, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The British government announced today it was taking steps to remove between 7,000 and 8,000 of the staffs of governmental departments from London, but stressed that the government itself was not moving from the capital. "There is no question of the government as a whole being evacuated," said a statement.

"Not a single minister is leaving and none concerned in the wartime activities of the government is being evacuated. The government itself will not evacuate London if it can possibly remain without loss of efficiency."

The plan for removal of government workers was described as a sectional one, prompted by a desire for some degree of decentralization. It was explained that no government department was being removed entirely. Which departments were affected and where the employees were to be taken remained an official secret.

The British people, ten days of war, and ready for long years of it, seized avidly on the first trickle of news to tell that their men, guns and planes once more were in France to fight Germany on the western front.

Official disclosure that a British expeditionary force had crossed to France was made in a communique, which said troops had landed "but are not yet in action."

(French dispatches last week already had reported British troops had reached French soil.)

A communique from the British information ministry said: "For some days past rumors have been current in this country and abroad that British troops have landed in France. The ministry of information is now permitted to announce officially that this is so."

"The troops are not yet in action, and no further details can meantime be furnished. It is, however, the intention of the military authorities to furnish further information from time to time."

The communique was at variance with the information ministry's announcement that the troops were not yet in action.

On Eastern Front



Germany formally annexed the Polish Corridor and portions of western Poland which belonged to Reich before 1914. Polish territory in German hands is shaded. Poles, fighting desperately in defense of Warsaw, claimed Nazis were repulsed at Modlin fortress and denied the invaders had crossed Bug River at Wyszew, 20 miles from the capital. (Central Press)

Taxation Suit Is Abandoned By A. T. & T.

Raleigh, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Attorney General Harry McMillan announced today that the American Telephone & Telegraph Company had abandoned contentions it was not liable for state income taxes on grounds its business was entirely of an interstate nature.

The company has sued in Federal and Superior courts and paid the tax levies under protest pending court rulings. McMillan said judgments would be signed at once dismissing all suits.

The tax levies aggregated \$273,255.41 since 1927, but the company will be refunded \$6,848.56 due to a recalculation of the amounts due, McMillan said, so that the levy would be on actual receipts rather than on the basis of system rates.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR BACK

London, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The British ministry of information announced tonight that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor have arrived in England.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly warmer Wednesday in north portion.

Real War In Congress Is Seen by Nye

Says Administration May Try "Gag Rule" On Debate, but Thinks Senate Will Block That; Declares People Want No U. S. War.

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Illinois, of the House Rules committee, predicted after a White House conference today Congress would be called to meet in extra session around October 1.

While asserting that President had not committed himself on a date, Sabath said it would be around October 1.

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, asserted today the administration would "run into a real war in the legislative field over an attempt to repeal arms embargo provision of the neutrality act."

Although Nye said he knew of no present move for a Senate filibuster to block repeal, he declared there would be "extended and thorough" debate on the proposal which many legislators say would benefit England and France in their war with Germany.

The neutrality law, which President Roosevelt applied to the European war theatre, prohibits sale of arms, ammunition and implements of war to belligerents. Proposed elimination of this provision is expected to furnish the principal controversy in the anticipated special session of Congress.

Observing that administration leaders appear to be considering "invoking the gag rule," Nye said he did not believe the Senate would vote for any limitation of debate. He added the opinion that if Congress was called into special session, it would remain so throughout the winter.

Nye said he had found sentiment in the Middle West strongly against Hitler. He observed, however, there also was a strong sentiment against involvement of this country in war. He said he thought the American people should be told that the sale of war materials to belligerents would be likely to bring involvement.

Radio Firm Is Cited For War Moves

Station WMCA in New York Accused Of Intercepting and Broadcasting British And German Secret Codes; Germans Rile U. S.

Washington, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The Federal Communications Commission today accused the Knickerbocker Broadcasting Company, Inc., licensee of Radio Station WMCA, New York City, of illegally intercepting and broadcasting secret radio communications sent by the governments of Germany and Great Britain.

The FCC ordered the company to show cause by September 15 why its license should not be revoked "for violation of and failure to observe the provisions of the communications act of 1934, constituting conduct by secret licensee contrary to the public interests."

The FCC said it had "information in its possession tending to establish" that the station "caused the interception of secret radio communications sent by the governments of Great Britain and Germany, respectively, containing orders to the naval or military forces of said governments to govern the movement of said forces in time of war, and thereafter caused said messages to be decoded."

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British Troops Are Rapidly Moving Up Into Battle Region

Runs War Machine



Viscount Gort

Viscount Gort is in active charge of the British army which is taking part in the Allied assault upon Germany's Westwall. He has been in military service thirty-four years, has seen action in India and China, and played a hero's role in the first World War, winning the Victoria Cross, Military Cross and Distinguished Service Order.

Defenses Around Saarbrücken "Slightly Turned", And Major Battle Is Believed in Making to Be Begun Very Shortly

Paris, Sept. 12.—(AP)—French dispatches reported tonight that French advance guards had driven a wedge into the advance fortifications of Germany's Siegfried line east of Saarbrücken. One section of the attacking forces was asserted to have "slightly turned" the defenses of the great industrial city.

Artillery pounded German lines surrounding the city from heights in the forest of Warndt.

These reports of French activity followed the war ministry's communique for the morning, which said merely that there had been a "calm night along the entire front." Previously fighting on a 100-mile sector of the western front between the Moselle and Rhine rivers strengthened the impression a major battle was shaping up, an engagement which history may record as the battle of the Saar.

British troops were reported moving up into positions already established by the French. "Despite enemy resistance, our attacks continued to show serious progress on a front of some 42 miles east of the Saar," said last night's war communique. This was taken to mean the French were gaining at a point some distance north of the French border town of Saargemündes, in the German area, between the Saar and Blies rivers.

Saarbrücken was emptied of civilians days ago. French military sources believed the German army would soon fall.

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Poles Claim Germans Are Now Halted

But Invaders Continue Attacks at Many Points, With Three-Front Offensive Launched Against Poles for Seizure of Warsaw.

Budapest, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The Polish general staff communique No. 11 declared today stout Polish resistance had brought the German plane, tank and artillery attack at least to a temporary stalemate throughout a widespread territory.

(The Bug river flows from east to west joining another river at a point 20 miles due north to Warsaw.)

The official Hungarian news agency reported the Polish radio station at Lublin said the Polish Premier Sładowski had presided over

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War To Smash Tourist Trade For Europe

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Washington, Sept. 12.—Shortly before the last war (the 1914-18 affair) I wanted to take a trip from London to Constantinople (now Istanbul). So I dropped in at the U. S. embassy to ask if I needed a passport.

"Yes, sir," said First Secretary William Phillips (our present ambassador in Rome). "you do. It seems hard to believe in this enlightened age, but there still remain in the world two such benighted countries that you have to have a passport to travel in em—Russia and Turkey."

However, I got my passport without any trouble. Today, if I wanted to visit as semi-civilized a city as

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Chamberlain, Daladier Meet At Secret "Spot" To Coordinate Effort

Paris, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain met Premier Daladier "somewhere in France" today at a meeting of the supreme French-British war council.

A communique issued by Daladier's office said two other members of the council also attended, General Gamelin, commander-in-chief of the French-British armies, and Lord Chatfield, British minister for the coordination of defense.

The communique said the war council "confirmed completely" a firm British-French resolution to "concentrate all their forces and all their resources to aid Poland, which is resisting a 'brutal invasion of its territory with so much bravery'."

Daladier was back in his office at the war office at 6 p. m. where

he conferred immediately with Edouard Herriot, president of the Chamber of Deputies.

MEETING HELD TO REACH COORDINATION AGREEMENT London, Sept. 12.—(AP)—The ministry of information announced tonight the purpose of the Chamberlain-Daladier meeting in France was to make possible a direct personal exchange of views on the situation and on measures to be taken in the immediate future.

"The meeting," said a communique, "has fully confirmed the firm resolve of Great Britain and France to devote their entire strength and resources to the waging of the conflict which has been forced upon them to give all possible assistance to their Polish ally."

Prices About 15 Cents On Middle Belt

Raleigh, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Check of early second day sales on the nine North Carolina Middle Belt tobacco markets showed today prices continuing around a 15 cents a pound level, seven cents or more off 1938 opening prices.

Sales were heavy and quality of offerings as farmers made an effort to dispose of millions of pounds before a "sales holiday" of indefinite duration goes into effect at 5 p. m. tomorrow.

None of the markets, already glutted, accepted any new offerings. The sales committee of the United States Tobacco Association declared Saturday a "no-sale" day.

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Imperial Co. Holds Key For Tobacco

Crop Control Likely Would Help Situation Very Little; Governor Giving Serious Study to Situation.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the S.W. Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Sept. 12.—Despite intense activities and efforts of many North Carolina agencies, key to solution of the current tobacco crisis in North Carolina remains in the hands of the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain.

That, at least, is the apparent consensus of informed circles which are studying the problem.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey told your correspondent that he is making every effort to learn the Imperial's reasons for withdrawing its buyers from Tar Heel markets. He is definitely convinced that nothing tangible can be done to relieve the existing emergency until that has been done.

The State Board of Agriculture met last night at the call of Commissioner Kerr Scott. The Triple A, un-

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