

## Large British Battleship Is Sunk

### Frazier Says Britain, France Waiting U. S. Arms Vote

#### Dakotan Is Fearful Of U. S. In War

Repeal of Arms Embargo Step in That Direction, He Tells Senators in Debate; George Favors Amending Measure Sharply.

Washington, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Great Britain and France were accused today by Senator Frazier, Republican, North Dakota, of "stalling" in their attitude toward neutrality this country will adopt.

Frazier asserted in a Senate speech that the administration neutrality bill providing for repeal of the arms embargo was a step toward American involvement "in this European mess-up" and that the Allied prosecution of the war would be influenced directly by the decision on whether or not to take that step.

"Hitler has not smashed the Allies," Frazier said, "and if he is strong enough to do so there will be no war unless the United States gives evidence of its willingness to back the Allies."

Repeal of the arms embargo would furnish such evidence, the North Dakota senator said.

Before the chamber met at noon for its tenth day of debate on the issue, Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, a supporter of the bill to repeal the embargo and make other changes in the neutrality law, suggested that the pending measure's credit provisions be overhauled.

George proposed that belligerent nations purchasing arms in this country be required to make payments in cash, but that they be allowed six months to pay for other purchases. As the bill now stands, warring nations could obtain credits of up to 90 days on all purchases if the President authorized them.

#### Slot Machine Issue Back In High Court

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Oct. 14.—The perennial question of slot machines will bob up again in North Carolina's Supreme Court next week, when the State vs. L. F. Cox will be argued orally before the seven justices.

The case, which is making its second trip up from Rowan county, will be one of six criminal and thirteen civil causes on the court's calendar. Appeals from the sixth district will be called Tuesday, and so the Cox case, which is from the other district, will be called, the fifteenth, will be the first on Wednesday's calendar unless there is an unfinished argument when court quits Tuesday afternoon.

Two of the criminal causes are ap-

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#### Many Congressmen Are Independent In Crisis

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Washington, Oct. 14.—With the conclusion of the neutrality debate in the Senate, the argument in the House of Representatives won't last long. Some of the members of lower congressional chambers are just good chatterboxes as are some of the members of the upper one for an anti-light arms embargo. However, it has been obvious from the first that legislative sentiment is predominantly favorable to permitting our sale of war materials to any country that can pay for them for cash (or, credit basis) and take them away in their own vessels. And the House rules don't permit a prolonged discussion of a pending measure as the Senate's rules do.

The bill that the lawmakers finally pass will be approximately what

#### Finns Delay Talks At Moscow, Faced By Difficult Demands

Pleading for Finns



Laurence Steinhardt

Pleading the cause of little Finland, U. S. Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt presented the American viewpoint on the ticklish Baltic situation to Premier and Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov, at Moscow. The diplomatic effort was attempted in hope of preventing Finland from following the Baltic states into the Soviet sphere of influence in Europe.

#### Turks Sign Agreement With Russia

Moscow, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Turkey was reliably, but unofficially, reported today to have signed an agreement with Soviet Russia protecting Russian rights in the Black Sea and its outlet, the Dardanelles. Announcement of the agreement, which was described as not as sweeping as the Moscow government had sought to make, was expected soon, perhaps tonight.

Observers believed the accord also would define Russian-Turkish relations with respect to their roles in the European war.

While Turkish Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoglu was putting finishing touches on pact in talks with Russian leaders, the Russian-Finnish talks, which opened here

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#### U. S. EXPORTS HIT HIGH FOR 2 YEARS

Washington, Oct. 14.—(AP)—United States exports during the first month of the European war were the highest for any month since January, 1938.

Secretary of Commerce Hopkins said that \$283,000,000 worth of American goods was shipped abroad during September. Cotton, airplanes, petroleum, chemicals and tobacco were among the principal items.

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#### Russia Finding Way Harder; Scandinavians May Unite With Finland to Resist; Hungary May Block Soviet Advance in Eastern Europe.

Helsinki, Finland, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Indefinite postponement of further Finnish-Soviet Russian talks in Moscow led diplomatic circles to believe today that Finland had been faced with proposals she would find difficult to accept.

While the foreign office maintained silence on the progress of the conversations, reports circulated in the capital that Russia had asked the right to establish naval bases on certain Finnish islands in the Gulf of Finland.

However, government quarters noted, with apparent satisfaction, that Russia's negotiations with Finland were taking much longer than those with Latvia and Estonia. Spokesmen said they did not think it likely the Finnish delegation would return from Moscow before the Stockholm conference October 18, in which the kings of Sweden, Norway and Denmark and the president of Finland are to discuss their mutual interests.

#### HUNGARY MAY BE BLOCK TO RUSSIAN DRIVE EAST

Budapest, Hungary, Oct. 14.—(AP)—The belief apparently is increasing among Hungarians that events may cause Hungary to stand against a Soviet push in eastern Europe, as she stood against the Turkish advance on the Occident in the sixteenth century.

While Russia's attention is directed for the moment at the Baltic and the Dardanelles, Hungarians are fearful that her expansionist momentum soon may be diverted in their direction.

Soviet troops, including Mongols from Siberia, already stand on the Hungarian frontier, only a few hours from Budapest, a result of the Russian march into Poland last month. Between the Russians and

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#### Autopsy Reveals Body Was Man, Not Woman, as Thought

Newcastle, Pa., Oct. 14.—(AP)—An autopsy disclosed today that the body of a "murder swamp" near here was that of a man and not a woman, as first believed.

Coroner Charles Byers made the announcement immediately after the autopsy. It was explained that the headless torso, which had been burned on a wood fire after the slaying, was in such condition that it was mistaken for that of a woman.

Detective Peter Merlyo, of Cleveland, who came here to study the case because of the possibility that Cleveland's "mad butcher of Kingsbury Run" might have changed the locale of his operations, withheld immediate comment.

Newcastle, Pa., Oct. 14.—(AP)—Finding of the headless and nude body of a young girl in a dreary "murder swamp" developed the possibility today that Cleveland's mad butcher had claimed another victim.

The coroner said the girl had been slain probably two weeks ago, then partially burned in an apparent attempt to conceal her identity. A single stocking found nearby offered investigators their only clue.

The head, severed cleanly, with a sharp knife or an axe, was not found in a hurried search of the desolate marshlands along the Pennsylvania-Ohio State line.

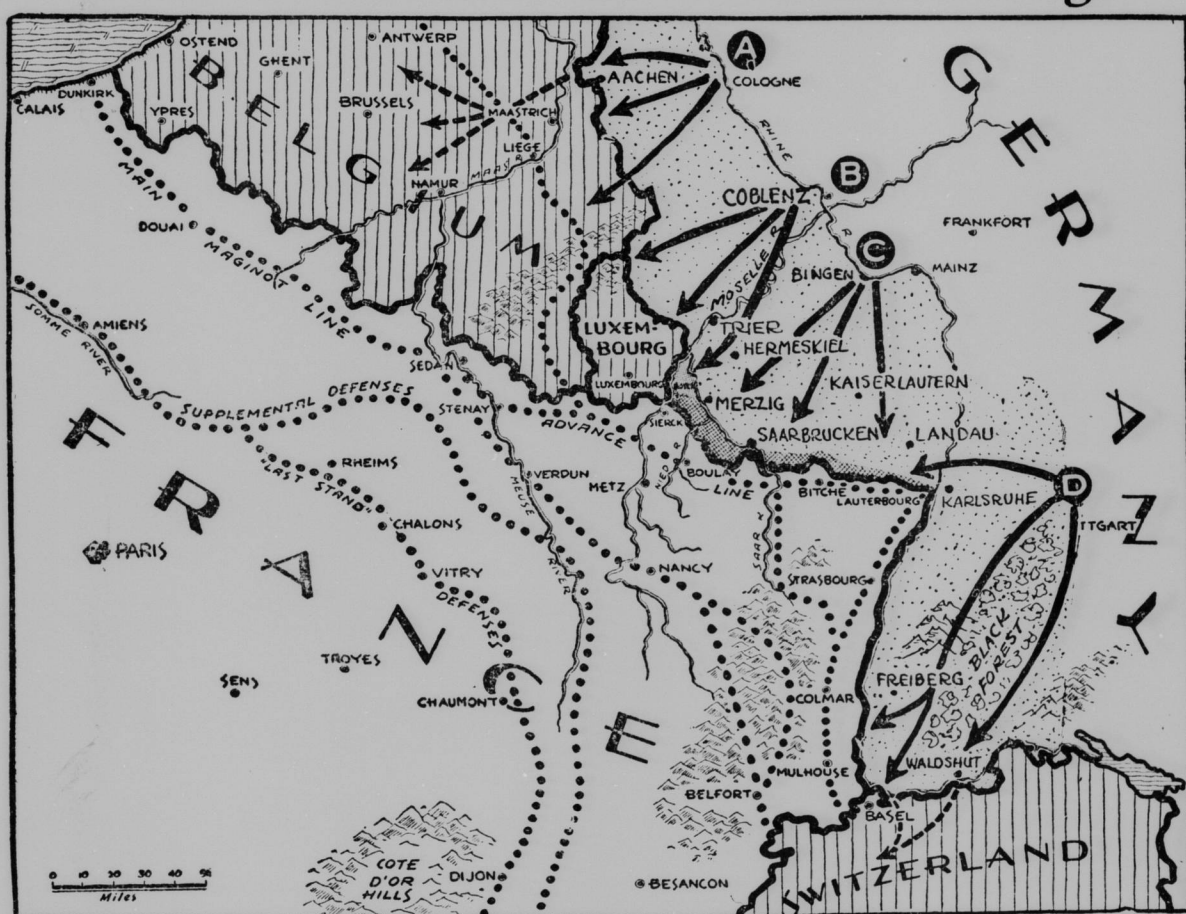
#### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Fair and colder tonight; scattered frost in west and north central portions; near freezing in the mountains; Sunday fair, colder near the coast.

#### WEEKLY WEATHER.

South Atlantic States: Fair most of week except local showers in Florida; rising temperature first part; cooler toward close of week.

#### Nazi Armies Mass for Western Blitzkrieg



Convinced his peace offensive has failed, Hitler is reported to have massed 300,000 to 500,000 German troops at each of four strategic points for a lightning attack on France. Arrows indicate expected lines of attack. The first field army headquarters is at Cologne (A); the second at Coblenz (B); the third at Bingen (C), where it is believed Hitler and Goering will take command; and the fourth at Stuttgart (D). Cross-hatched area is that seized by the Allies to date. Stippled portion indicates area into which Germany is pouring reinforcements from the Eastern front. (Central Press)

#### Rhine Bridges Are Blasted By French To Delay Germans

Flays "War Spirit"



Senator Bennett Champ Clark, Democrat of Missouri, is shown after his savage attack on the Administration's neutrality bill. In the course of his attack he accused Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson of making an "idiotic, morose and unpatriotic" attempt to inflame the public with a war spirit.

#### Con Johnson Now Talked For Lt.-Gov.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Oct. 14.—Con C. Johnson, one-time department commander of the American Legion and a former member of the House from Iredell county, is receptive, to say the least, in his attitude toward becoming a candidate for lieutenant governor.

The chairman of the 1937 House's important roads committee, was in Raleigh on Friday the thirteenth, and while he would not admit that he is a certain starter in next year's Democratic primary he left a very definite impression that he is more likely to run than not.

"Whatever happens, whether I run or not," he said, "things are certain to start popping politically before long."

The Iredell legislator did not mention either of the announced

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#### Heavy German Troop Concentrations Reported Near Front Lines; Large-Scale Drive By Hitler Believed Likely Any Minute.

London, Oct. 14.—(AP)—French military advisers said today the destruction by the French of three big railway bridges over the Rhine river was to forestall any attempted German surprise offensive into French Alsace.

This action was taken after heavy German troop concentrations were reported along the frontier between Lauterbourg to Switzerland, heretofore a relatively quiet area.

Only two bridges remain across this portion of the historic river, both at Strasbourg, where they are incorporated in the Maginot and Siegfried lines.

North of the upper Rhine sector, the Germans were reported in French advices to have massed enough tanks and heavy artillery between the Rhine and the Moselle rivers to launch a large-scale offensive at any moment. French officers estimated the total German strength on the two main fronts, upper Rhine and Rhine-Moselle, and in close reserve, at 2,000,000 men.

The Rhine-Moselle concentration, coupled with a sudden lull in persistent activity of German patrols, kept French outposts on the alert, as rain and fog settled over the lines after a day of clear, crisp weather.

#### Chamberlain Has Taken Dangerous Move, Gayda Says

Rome, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Vittorio Gayda, who often speaks Premier Mussolini's mind, today termed British Prime Minister Chamberlain's reply to Hitler's peace proposals a "dangerous move."

The editor, writing in *Il Giornale d'Italia*, said, nevertheless, the "irreparable had not yet occurred."

"In the same speech of the British prime minister," he wrote, "horizons of a new and more just Europe appear faintly."

Gayda contended that Hitler accepted Premier Mussolini's proposals to negotiate the Polish problem, and therefore, "Hitler and Germany cannot be blamed for the irreparable."

#### Farm Bureau Asks Tobacco "Parity"

Kinston, Oct. 14.—(AP)—County Farm Bureau presidents and State executive committee members of Eastern North Carolina passed a resolution here last night asking the Farm Bureau Federation to seek parity prices for 1939 tobacco.

The officers also went on record in favor of allowing a grower who is qualified and who agrees to cooperate in the 1940 soil conservation program to serve on county tobacco committees. E. F. Arnold, bureau executive secretary, said under the present rule only those who complied with the 1939 conservation program could serve.

He added that if instructed to do so by all local bureau officials, the organization would confer with U. S. Department of Agriculture officials on the tobacco price problems.

#### Hitler Waits Last Word Of Russia, Italy

Berlin, Oct. 14.—(AP)—The lull in military activity on the western front is expected here to continue a little while longer—at least until Italy and Soviet Russia have spoken.

German conversations with these countries were said already to be under way. Only a few high ranking Nazis, however, can predict Adolf Hitler's next step, now that Prime Minister Chamberlain has rejected his terms for ending the war.

Informed German quarters said that nothing more may be expected from France or Britain, but they expressed belief the door still is open for a neutral nation to step in as an intermediary.

The only official comment on the

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#### Lindbergh Again Sounds Warning on Arms Repeal Plan

Washington, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's suggestion that Congress split up the present arms embargo, retaining it for offensive weapons, but exempting defensive weapons, prompted many senators today to question the practicability of such an idea.

Lindbergh made the proposal last night as part of a four-point program which he submitted in a radio address.

Lindbergh also urged that American shipping be kept out of belligerent waters and that credits be refused to warring countries, and their agents. At the same time, he presented as a matter of long range policy the idea that the United States must demand withdrawal of Britain and other European powers from the Western Hemisphere.

#### 830 Of 1,200 Aboard Are Likely Lost

Royal Oak Was Veteran of World War Battle of Jutland; British Claim Sinking of Three German U-Boats; May Mark Real War.

London, Oct. 14.—(AP)—The Admiralty announced today the sinking of the battleship Royal Oak and placed at 370 the number of survivors known so far of the total crew of about 1,200 men.

The number of missing—830—far exceeded the 515 who lost their lives in Germany's first major success in the sea warfare, the sinking September 17 of the British aircraft carrier Courageous.

First announcement of the disaster by the Admiralty expressed belief the \$10,000,000 heavily armored warship was the victim of "U-boat action."

370 Survivors.

A second Admiralty communique, issued this afternoon, said: at present known, the number of survivors from the Royal Oak is approximately 370. As already stated, lists of survivors will be published as soon as the names have been received. The complement of the ship was approximately 1,200. The above figures include both officers and men.

The Royal Oak was a veteran of the World War, and its battle of Jutland. Where the sinking occurred was not disclosed immediately.

The August, 1939, naval list showed that the Royal Oak was commanded by Captain W. G. Bann.

Three U-Boats Sunk.

With acknowledgment of the loss, responsible British naval sources

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#### U. S. Steamer Saves Crew French Ship

New York, Oct. 14.—(AP)—The American freighter Black Hawk reported today it had rescued 39 survivors of the French tanker Emil Miguet, destroyed by fire off the Irish coast Thursday. One was reported dead.

Captain Raymond Hodge wirelessed the Black Diamond Line, owners of the ship, that he would take the survivors to Boston. He gave his position as 238 miles west of Bishop Rock, England.

The President Harding, of the United States Lines, reported yesterday she had reached the 14,155-ton Emil Miguet to find the vessel in

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#### U. S. Regards British Loss Severe One

Washington, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Naval experts here viewed the sinking of the battleship Royal Oak, as a severe blow to British sea power, but with more serious implications for the future than for the present.

If German submarines should be able thus to trim further the British-French six to one naval margin over the Nazi fleet, the sea blockade of Germany might be definitely threatened with collapse, experts said. They were as much interested in the manner in which the battleship was sunk as in the loss itself.

A battleship at sea normally is safeguarded by a protective screen of light cruisers and destroyers, as well as her own armor and anti-torpedo "blisters" along the hull. Additional protection is provided by alert scouting planes.

Sinking of the vessel gave the United States the lead over the world in the number and tonnage of capital ships (battleships, heavy cruisers

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