

Final Agreement Is Had On Amendment To Neutrality Bill

All Goods Other Than Armaments May Be Carried to Some Ports of Belligerents Considered Safe; May Vote Next Week.

Washington, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Final agreement to permit American vessels to carry all goods other than armaments to some ports of belligerents was reached today by a group of Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In general, the amendments approved by the group would permit shipping to those ports in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea. Surface vessels also could operate to all ports in the South Atlantic which are situated south of 30 degrees north latitude provided they did not carry armaments to belligerents.

American aircraft could operate to all ports in the Western Hemisphere. They could visit Bermuda and Newfoundland, stopping points which would be barred to surface vessels.

Shipping to any section could be barred if the President proclaimed a "combat area" around certain ports.

Senate leaders agreed informally to wind up the debate on the neutrality bill this week, and begin consideration of amendments Monday.

Senator Barkley, of Kentucky, the administration leader, and Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, one of the leaders opposing the administration legislation, both reported this would be the procedure.

Meanwhile, seven opposition leaders, meeting in the office of Senator Johnson, Republican, California, discussed the possibility of offering united resistance to a proposed relaxation of shipping control provisions in the "cash and carry" section of the bill.

Auto Deaths Soar Rapidly Past Month

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Oct. 19.—A September report which added nine to its tragic toll sent Catawba soaring in the standings of North Carolina's automobile death league, and made the county a strong contender for the unenviable distinction of leading all the rest.

From sixteenth place, Catawba shot up to fifth, only a couple of killings back of Cumberland, a deficit which early October returns indicate will be easy to overcome.

Mecklenburg and Guilford, together with Wake and Robeson, ran a literal dead heat during September, with five killings each; and as a result Mecklenburg stayed at the top with 31, just one lonely fatal accident ahead of Guilford. Wake is in third place and within easy striking distance of the top, with 26 killed so far this year.

Whereas there were only fifteen counties with ten or more highway accident deaths at the end of August, there were 22 in that class at the

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Amazing Business Upturn Among Fastest On Record

Volume Best of Any October in Decade; Freight Gains Are Spectacular; Opinion Divided on Duration of New Trends.

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Babson Park Mass., Oct. 20.—Business this month is the best for any October in ten years. The United States has experienced one of its best seasonal booms in its history in the last two months. Figures gathered from all over the country, which I found on my desk 99.99 percent return from the Far East, tell a spectacular story. Business is now 22 per cent above a year ago and 100 per cent above the 1937 peak. I can hardly believe that business has soared so rapidly. Yet, the figures which I have at hand do not lie. They show that textile mills, automobile factories, machine tool shops, steel mills, railroads, power plants, lumber camps, and shipyards are bustling with activity. When I sailed out of the Golden Gate on August

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Scandinavia Grateful To Americans

Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland End Conference at Stockholm Without Announcement of Conclusions; Russia Is Feared.

Stockholm, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Appreciation of the support of President Roosevelt and of Latin America was expressed by the president of Finland and the kings of Sweden, Norway and Denmark in broadcasts marking conclusion today of their two-day conference here.

Finland's dangerous situation, due to demands from Soviet Russia, in line with the latter's Baltic expansion, formed the theme of Finnish President Kyosti Kallio's broadcast. "A powerful neighbor" (Russia) has put forward for solution questions of a very serious character, and Finland feels grateful for the diplomatic support received from others in this connection.

High political quarters held an "optimistic" attitude on the outcome of the conference, called by 81-year-old King Gustav, although there was no indication of any specific action by the four countries.

Four Army Fliers Killed When Plane Crashes on Coast

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 19.—(AP)—Four fliers were killed today in the crash of a military bombing plane on Black Mountain, 15 miles northeast of here, the sheriff's office reported.

The two-motored plane appeared to have been an army ship from March Field, Riverside.

Fritz Kuhn Nervous At House Probe

Leader of Bund Says He Is Still Fighting Communism, but Approves German-Soviet Treaty; Furnishes Dies With List of Units.

Washington, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Fritz Kuhn told the Dies committee today that his German-American Bund still is fighting communists in this country, although it wholly approves the Russia-German pact.

The perspiring leader of the organization made that declaration amid excited exchanges among the witness, his council and committee members, after asserting, in response to questions, that there was no significance to the fact that a majority of the Bund's 71 units were located in the area occupied by 90 percent of the United States munitions industry.

Soon after the session got under way with tempers strained and hot words flying, Kuhn submitted a list which he said gave the names of all German-American Bund units in the United States, and their leaders.

Grew Tears Into Japan's China Policy

Tokyo, Oct. 19.—(AP)—United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew today declared American opinion, based on facts, not propaganda, believes that "the many things injurious to the United States which have been done and being done by the Japanese agencies are wholly needless."

In one of the strongest and most remarkable diplomatic speeches on Japan-United States relations, Grew, recently returned from a homeland visit and meeting with President Roosevelt, said his talk came "straight from the horse's mouth."

In addressing 250 members of the American-Japan Society, often a sounding board for authoritative discussion of American-Japanese relations, the ambassador asserted: "They (the American people) regard with growing seriousness the violation and interference with American rights by Japanese armed forces in China, and disregard of

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Silver Shirt Head Cited At Asheville

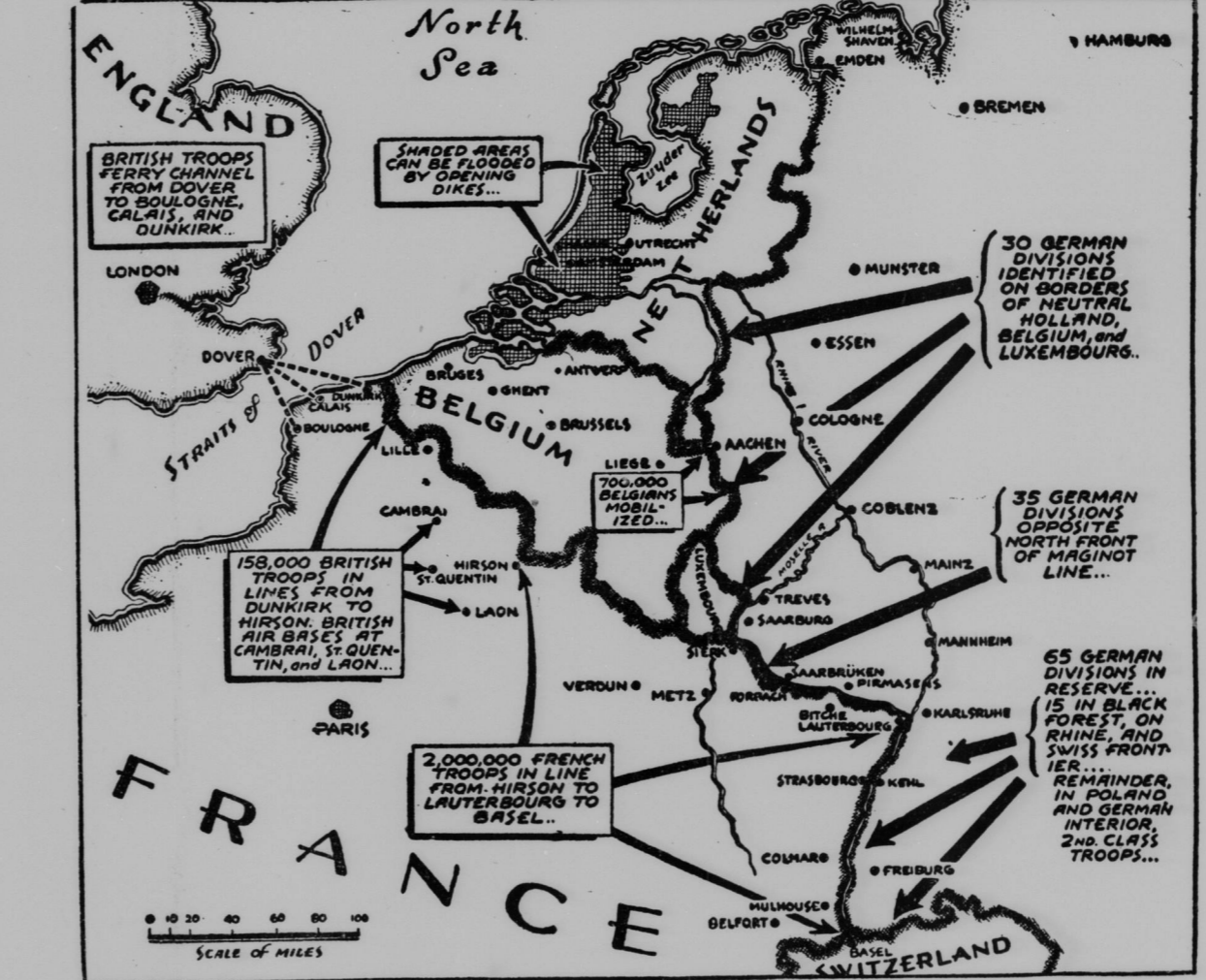
Asheville, Oct. 19.—(AP)—William Dudley Pelley, head of the Silver Shirts of America, was cited today to appear in superior court here on charges of violating the conditions of two suspended sentences, including allegations that he had "conspired with known enemies of American institutions" distributing publicity aimed at the "overthrow of our government" and "leveled disgusting epithets at the office of the President of the United States."

Superior Court Judge Zeb Nettles issued a capias ordering that Pelley be taken into custody and required to give \$10,000 bond for his appearance at the November term of court. Nettles explained that he did not direct that the Silver Shirt chieftain be brought before him immediately, because he was solicitor when Pelley

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Britain, France, Turkey Sign Treaty For Mutual Defense

Two Acts in Drama of Second World War



Adolf Hitler has written his war drama, "Blitzkrieg," in two acts, according to information received. Act I is to be in the Maginot Line sector from the Luxembourg border to the Rhine River at Lauterbourg with Hitler in a desperate effort to win back German ground now held by the French. Act II is to begin as soon as Act I is completed. It is to be launched against Holland border between Emmerich and Aachen. The attack must be lightning swift, as the entire shaded area on the map in Holland can be put from 3 to 7 feet under water within 7 hours.

First Phase Ended On Western Front, Germans Announce

Berlin, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The German high command announced today that the first phase of the war in the west had ended, following withdrawal of French troops from German soil, following brief but bitter fighting. This action, a communique said, had pushed the French rear guard across the Saar river.

Contact with the enemy in several places was broken in engagements because German troops did not cross the border in following up the French withdrawal.

The high command declared that the initial phase of the war, which it said was "provoked by French initiative," had not produced any "serious fighting" at any point in the west.

Summing up developments in the campaign to date, the communique added: "The purely local fighting took place in a flat stretch near the French border in front of our Westwall. With one single exception on either side, only small detachments, mostly weaker than one company, participated in these encounters."

"At no other point did the French even come close to the Westwall," the communique added, "with the exception of regions where the Westwall, as was the case of Saarbruecken runs the immediate neighborhood of the border."

GERMAN INFANTRY UNITS THROWN BACK AT NIGHT

Paris, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The French general staff reported today that German infantry units, supported by artillery fire, had been thrown back at several points on the western front. This localized action, said the regular morning communique from the war ministry, was the only action.

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Windsor and His Brother at Front

With the British Expeditionary Forces in France, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The Duke of Windsor and the Duke of Gloucester, his younger brother, toured the front lines today, accompanied by Lord Gort, the British commander-in-chief.

The royal brothers looked into pill boxes, watched breastworks being erected, and jumped into trenches on their tour.

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Warren Soldier Killed In Plane

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 19.—(AP)—A board of inquiry flew to the King ranch today to investigate the crash of a Kelly Field training plane, in which Cadet John Gilmer Williams, 21, of Warrenton, N. C., was killed.

The body of the student flier was taken from the burning craft about half an hour after he had cleared the Brownsville airport for a return night navigation flight to Kelly Field. The accident occurred two miles from Norias. Workers at the ranch went to the scene after hearing an explosion, the army field was advised.

The body was taken to Kingsville.

War's Toll Of Shipping 79 Vessels

(By The Associated Press.)

As Germany pressed with plane and submarine its reopened offensive against Allied merchantmen and naval power, a recapitulation today showed 79 ships, with a total tonnage of 268,260, had been sunk in sea combats since September 3.

Sinking of the 3,509-ton freighter City of Mandalay and the 10,183-ton passenger liner Yorkshire 500 miles off the French coast raised the British total to 40 vessels.

Doctors were waiting at Cork, Ireland, to treat the injured among

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New Accord Relates To Balkan Area

Action Follows Closely on Breakdown of Turk Negotiations With Soviet Russia; Along Lines Of That Early in the Year.

Ankara, Turkey, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Turkey, key power of the eastern Mediterranean, signed a mutual assistance pact with Britain and France here today.

The treaty was the outcome of British-Turkish and French-Turkish undertakings earlier this year to assist each other in the event of an act leading to war in the Mediterranean.

It contained a clause permitting Turkey to remain neutral in the event of a war between France, Britain and Soviet Russia.

(All indications were that Turkey would not be involved in the British-French war against Germany, unless its present scope were extended. Informed sources in Paris and London said the treaty provided that Turkey would come to the aid of Britain and France if they had to fulfill their pledges of help to Greece and Turkey against aggression menacing their freedom.

These informants also said the Allies agreed to aid Turkey if she were attacked by any European nation. Diplomats said these terms secured the strategic Dardanelles for France and Britain in case Germany attempted to push into the Balkans.

(Prime Minister Chamberlain announced in London the treaty was for a 15-year term.) (Franz von Papen, German am-

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Pro-German Bulgarian Cabinet Out

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Premier George Kiossevanoff and his cabinet, who had pursued a mildly pro-German policy, resigned today as Bulgaria swung toward closer cooperation with Soviet Russia. It was considered probable Stefan Mihaloff, a deputy regarded as friendly to Moscow, would be designated by King Boris III to form a new cabinet.

Kiossevanoff, a close friend of the king, had been premier and foreign minister since his cabinet was reconstructed November 14, 1938. Under his guidance, Bulgaria won the right to rearm, denied by World War treaties, and has signed friendship treaties with Yugoslavia and Turkey.

Partition of Poland and Russia's emergence to new dominance in southeast Europe has changed the Balkan picture, however.

Diplomats Think Hitler Is Desperate For Peace

Adolf's embassy. To listen to it, you'd conclude that the Nazis are regular Quakers.

Various neutral embassies and legations (Scandinavia's, the Balkans', Belgium's, Holland's, Switzerland's and Italy's) also hint that they believe the Fuehrer to be plenty nervous.

Our State Department, strictly sub rosa, has the same notion.

Of course, all these foreign outfits get their dope from their respective home governments, which, in turn, get it by pipeline out of Germany and possibly supplement it with a bit of hopeful guessing. Therefore, it's hard to tell just how reliable it is. However, there's a good deal of unanimity about it. Moreover, it's borne out by Americans recently from the Fatherland—though they certainly do have a "passion for anonymity" if they're

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy probably occasional showers in east portion tonight and Friday; slightly warmer tonight.