

GERMANY TO SHOWER BOMBS ON ENGLAND

Germany And Russia Discussing Fate Of Seized U. S. Vessel

Next German Ruler?



Dr. Hermann Rauschning

London reports indicate a "rightful German government," similar to the Polish government-in-exile in Paris, may be established in London, with Dr. Hermann Rauschning as chancellor.

Webb Made President Of A. & N. C.

McMullan Casts State's Majority Vote As Governor's Proxy For President and Directors; Line Under Lease.

Kinston, Oct. 25.—(AP)—W. M. Webb, of Morehead City, today was nominated by the State for the presidency of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

Attorney General Harry McMullan cast the State's majority vote as Governor Hoy's proxy.

Elections were held as stockholders and directors met to make arrangements for final settlement of North Carolina's operation of the 90-mile line running from Goldsboro to Morehead City.

Webb was named a director and president of the line to succeed H. P. Crowell.

Harry M. Jacobs was chosen to succeed himself as secretary.

Elective Men Seek Thinning For Top Race

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Star-Walter Hotel

Raleigh, Oct. 25.—Those State electors who face the Tar Heel election in 1940, and practically all of those who are hoping that the gubernatorial race will be decided by a runoff, are being urged to go much further than they have in their campaign program and to reduce the number of candidates.

The interest in a campaign other than their own little races is not impractical or purely objective. Each candidate knows full well that the more candidates there are for government the more opposition he is likely to have in the primaries.

This is true for reasons over and over.

Berlin Tells U. S. Envoy of Course Being Pursued in Case of City of Flint; Maps Misplaced in Norwegian Port, Is Claim.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The German government informed the United States today it was discussing with Soviet Russia the question of the American ship City of Flint, taken to the Russian port of Murmansk by a German prize crew.

The information was given American Charge d'Affaires Alexander Kirk when he received this morning by Baron Ernst von Weizsaecker, secretary of state in the German foreign office.

The ship was seized, inquires were told unofficially, because it carried war contraband.

According to the German report, the City of Flint was taken into Tromsø, Norway, as "unseaworthy" because the American crew had put certain maps essential for navigation out of the way before the Germans took charge.

At Tromsø the prize crew attempted unsuccessfully to obtain the missing maps, informed circles said. The City of Flint then was taken to Murmansk, where the German crew is being "detained" pending negotiations between Germany and Russia.

In German opinion, the prize crew should be released because it sought refuge in a neutral harbor for reasons of safety, while navigating an unseaworthy vessel.

ICC Hearing At Raleigh Fixed For Truck Franchises

Washington, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission announced today hearings would be held at Raleigh, N. C., on applications for motor transport licenses by North Carolina firms.

Joint Board No. 103 will hear arguments November 28 on application of Albert Vance Medlin, Zebulon, N. C., for a common carrier franchise, and on an application by Carolina Coach Company, Raleigh, to operate between Greenville, N. C., and Wilson, N. C.

Fixing Damage In Blaze That Ruined Redrying Factory

Farmville, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The owners sought today to place an accurate figure on the damage caused last night when a fire swept through the W. B. Lee Tobacco Company's redrying plant here.

The blaze apparently started on the second floor of the tobacco-filled building, and in an hour all was a mass of embers.

Nearby storage plants were threatened and the Goldsboro fire department was called on for help.

Surplus Of Cotton Will Be Reduced

Washington, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Federal farm officials predicted today that the nation's cotton surplus, which has been increasing in size despite crop control efforts, would be reduced at least a million bales before the 1940 crop is harvested.

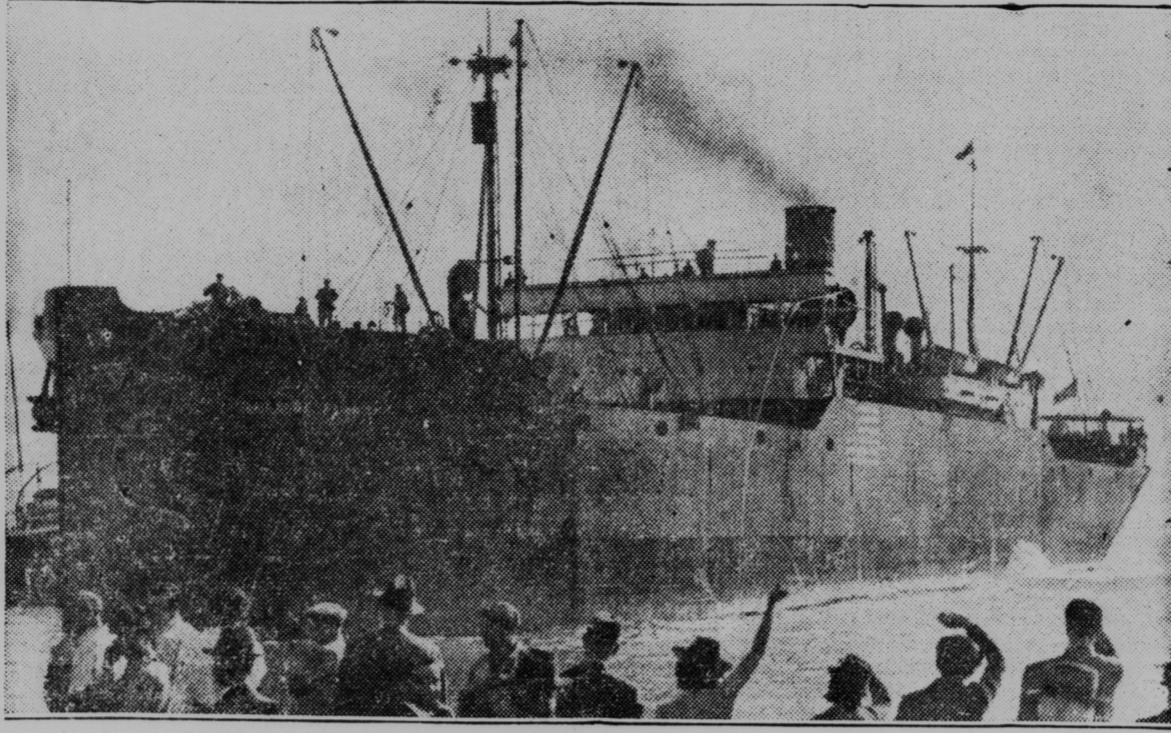
They based this forecast on a recent sharp increase in exports, expansion in production and prospects that this year's 12,000,000-bale crop would fall short of supplying foreign and American needs during the crop marketing season.

Surplus stocks of approximately 11,000,000 bales are stored now under government price-bolstering loans to farmers.

When this year's crop started moving to market there was a record surplus of 14,125,000 bales of American cotton in this country and abroad.

Agriculture Department officials expect domestic consumption of cotton this season to reach 7,500,000 bales, compared with 6,737,000 bales last season.

City of Flint, Taken to Soviet Port



Immediate inquiry was ordered in Moscow by U. S. State department concerning seizure of the City of Flint as a German prize. The ship, admittedly carrying contraband, was taken to Kola Bay, north of Murmansk by a Nazi sea raider. It was to Murmansk that the German liner Bremen was sailed.

Senate Votes Down Limit Upon Powers For The President

Wallace Out For FDR's Third Term

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 25.—(AP)—War abroad, said Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace today, makes clear the desirability of a third term for President Roosevelt.

Wallace, who said agricultural prospects were brighter than at any time in two years past, referred only briefly, in an interview, to the 1940 campaign, saying:

"Since the outbreak of war in Europe, it has become apparent that this country needs the talents and training of Mr. Roosevelt not only in meeting the situation abroad but in handling domestic problems."

German Sea Raiders Are Real Threat

(By The Associated Press.) Great Britain confronted the prospect today of weakening her North Sea blockade to combat vast and powerful German surface raiders ranging the Atlantic in the fashion of 1914.

Already the United States freighter City of Flint has been seized, and at least four British merchantmen sent to the bottom, three of them apparently sunk under the very nose of a British convoy near Gibraltar.

These losses raised the total of British and neutral vessels sunk to 99, of which 45 have been British, and the tonnage toll to 399,319—exclusive of cargoes. The known loss of life mounted to 1,774.

Information from Norway, where the City of Flint was taken by her German prize crew before going to Murmansk, Russia, indicated at least two German warships had penetrated the North Sea blockade, and were roaming the Atlantic. They are the 10,000-ton pocket battleship Deutschland and the 5,400-ton cruiser Emden.

Rail Policy On Trucks Suit Basis

Washington, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Attorney General Murphy announced today that he had authorized filing of a complaint charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust act against the Association of American Railroads, its officers and directors and 236 member railroad companies.

The bill of complaint charges, the attorney general said, that the railroads had combined to restrain trade by agreeing not to extend

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Refuses, 61 to 26, to Restrict His Discretion in War Ruling; Election on Foreign War Proposed By LaFollette in Senate.

Washington, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The Senate rejected today an amendment designed to limit the President's discretion in invoking the administration's proposed neutrality legislation.

A proposal by Senator Johnson, Democrat, Colorado, to strike discretionary language from the measure was defeated 61 to 26. In effect, Johnson asked that, once the President found that a state of war existed, he would have to proclaim invocation of the law. As the bill now stands, invocation of the law is merely authorized.

By the vote, the Senate approved retention of this provision, which Johnson said would permit the President to decline to invoke the act, despite the outbreak of foreign wars.

Senator LaFollette, Progressive, Wisconsin, proposed today that the administration's bill to repeal the arms embargo be amended to require that a national advisory election be held before Congress could declare an overseas war.

His proposal came as the Senate rush toward a final vote on the neutrality revision legislation bogged down in a fresh flow of speech-making. Leaders of both sides in the arms embargo controversy said the

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Textile Head Warns About High Prices

New York, Oct. 25.—(AP)—President Claudius T. Murchinson, of the Cotton Textile Institute, said today there was decided improvement in the cotton textile trade, but cautioned against too great advances in prices.

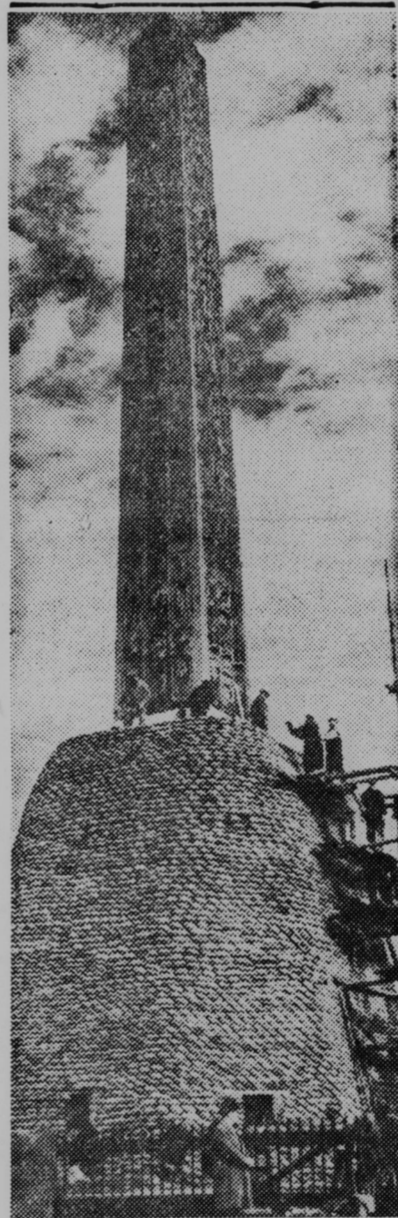
"In the past we have habitually climbed mountain peaks only to fall immediately over precipices," he said, in a speech prepared for delivery to the thirteenth annual meeting of the institute.

"When we emerge from the price valley, which we are now leaving, we should like to plant our feet safely upon a broad plateau, bounded only by the horizon."

He suggested such precautionary policies as limiting production to "normal operation schedules, and avoiding long-time contracts, since this policy is motivated by the expectation of price increases, and, therefore, is speculative in character."

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy and unsettled; scattered light rain in west and north central portions tonight or Thursday; slightly warmer in the interior tonight.

Sandbags in Paris



Workers engaged in the serious business of building a sandbag armor for the famed obelisk in the Place de la Concorde give Parisians a new guessing game. How many bags comprise the needle's defense against German bombs? (Central Press)

Reich Troops Ask French To End War

Paris, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Sporadic artillery fire boomed along the western front today as small infantry patrols skirmished in the cold and mud west of Forbach, where French troops still occupy a narrow salient on German soil.

Through the sullen rumble of the guns, loud-speakers in the German front lines blared a monotonous refrain:

"Frenchmen, lay down your arms and shake hands. The Germans don't want to fight."

The French soldiers shouted back: "Change the record."

Military dispatches said French machine gunners silenced one loud speaker, mounted on a truck behind the German lines.

The French general staff summed up the situation in a terse communique this morning, saying that "on the whole the night has been quiet." The communique noted "patrol and artillery activity to the west of the Saar."

Modified Offers By Russia Hinted

Helsinki, Finland, Oct. 25.—(AP)—A Finnish delegation en route home from Moscow was reported in authoritative quarters today to be carrying modified Soviet Russian demands for consideration of the Helsinki government.

Finns at large, yet without official word as to the nature of the "political and economic" talks at the Kremlin, and the foreign office were reported to have only a vague outline of the Russian demands, eagerly awaited the arrival of their emissaries. The delegation was scheduled to arrive tomorrow.

Big Federal Job Holders In Red Unit

Washington, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The Dies committee investigating un-American activities, published a "Washington membership and mailing list" of the American League for Peace and Democracy, and one of its own members promptly accused it of taking a "most damnable" and "most un-American" action.

The accusations were made by Representative Dempsey, Democrat, New Mexico, who was absent when the list of 563 names was given out, soon after the committee's morning session opened.

The list made no distinction between those government employees named on it who might be members of the Washington branch of the league, and those who might

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WINNIE RUTH JUDD, SLAYER, GETS AWAY

Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 25.—(AP)—Winnie Ruth Judd, trunk slayer of two women companions in 1933, has escaped from the Arizona State Hospital, Governor Jones disclosed today.

Grange Head Urges Farm Cooperation

Asheville, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Harry P. Caldwell, of Greensboro, master of the State Grange, in its eleventh annual session here, told more than 400 delegates this afternoon that "cooperation must replace the autocratic rule of centralized ownership in the United States if business and agriculture are to prosper and democracy be preserved."

The annual address of the State master was a high light of the after-

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Grew's Speech Indicates Jap Militarists Waning

Washington, Oct. 25.—Of course Joseph C. Grew, Uncle Sam's ambassador to Japan didn't make his extraordinarily undiplomatic speech in Tokyo a few days ago without State Secretary Hull's approval—and that necessarily means President Roosevelt's back of it.

Paraphrasing, if anybody missed reading reports of his talk, Grew told the Japs that America is "profoundly shocked" by their military men's disregard of Yankee rights, by their

bombings, and by their general conduct on the eastern Asiatic mainland.

Ordinarily a foreign representative who expressed himself with such candor in the country he was assigned to, immediately would make himself "persona non grata" and his government would be asked to recall him.

But Grew evidently threw a scare into the Japanese. He was just back at his ambassadorial post from a visit in the United States, his hearers realized that he was speaking directly from Washington; also that he had chatted with plenty of his countrymen and was in up-to-date touch with sentiment on this side of the Pacific. Moreover, he spoke warningly; not threateningly. His whole tone was to the effect that we want

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Next Move Of War Is Speculated

English Planes Make Night Flights Over Berlin and Hamburg; German High Command Says Last Frenchman Driven Off.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Germany's next war move probably will be to loose a shower of bombs on England, the authoritative newspaper National Zeitung, of Essen, said today. This daily is known to be especially close to Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, air minister and No. 2 Nazi. Hence, its editorials command special attention.

"The moment has come when the war desired by England must rain down upon the British Isle itself," National Zeitung said. "The patience of a people has limits. In their boundless indignation, the German people to a man now turn against the British war inciters in order, by a fight which hereafter will be relentless, to create the necessary guarantees for their security from such irresponsible machination."

The German high command declared the last French soldier had been driven off German soil.

An assault by German troops west of Voelkingen yesterday, a

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Cotton Ginnings To Oct. 18 Under Date a Year Ago

Washington, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The Census Bureau reports today cotton ginnings prior to October 18 totaled 8,874,814 running bales, counting round as half bales, and excluding linters.

Ginnings to that date a year ago were 8,925,828 bales and two years ago 11,066,210.

Ginnings to October 18 by states, with comparative figures for a year ago, included: North Carolina, 329,416 and 179,184.

Italy With Opponents Of Soviets

Budapest, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The presence of Soviet Russian troops on the Polish side of the Carpathian mountains is forcing unity among Hungary, Yugoslavia and Italy, to prevent any march of communism into southeastern Europe, it was indicated in authoritative quarters today.

It was said authoritatively that should there materialize any threat of a Russian advance into Ruthenia, the former Czechoslovak province, which Hungary occupied last March, Hungary would have the aid of Italy and Yugoslavia if it became necessary for her to take up arms.

These quarters said Hungary had

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Joseph C. Grew