

GERMANY SCOURS FOR HITLER ASSAILANTS

Confer on Nazi Menace



Grave international developments, with German troops massed menacingly along Belgian and Dutch borders, were held responsible for the sudden summoning of a Belgian cabinet meeting and all night conference at The Hague by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and King Leopold of Belgium (both pictured) and their foreign ministers. (Central Press)

Mammoth Christmas Rush Is Forecast By Babson

Says Shoppers Will Buy More Goods This Year Than in Any Holiday Season in U. S. History; Sees Business Skyrocketing.

By ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1939, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. Boston Park, Mass., Nov. 9.—Christmas shoppers will buy more goods this year than in any holiday season in the history of the country. Because of lower prices, however, sales will not top the 1929 total. Merchants, wholesale dealers, transportation companies, delivery concerns, post offices, restaurants and other service businesses should be prepared for the biggest holiday rush in years. My optimism is based not on hopes but on figures. If retail trade simply maintains its current pace, my business forecast for 1939, which I made last New Year's Day, will ring the bell. Smart buyers will do their Christmas shopping now. All that merchants and stores need for the Christmas season on record is a continuation of the present trend. Retail trade is currently reported 10 to 15 per cent above a year ago, and even higher than it was in early November of either 1936 or 1937. Readers will recall these were two excellent years. According to my Index of Distribution (which includes autos, groceries, furniture, clothing and luxury goods) (Continued on Page Four)

Farm Market Facilities To Be Expanded

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Nov. 9.—The State Department of Agriculture has announced a new move in its campaign to extend marketing facilities to North Carolina farmers. The plan is to establish new markets where necessary and to give further aid to those markets now in existence. Randall B. Etheridge, chief of the marketing division has caused questionnaires to be sent to civic clubs, county agents, vocational agriculture groups, chambers of commerce, banks, millers and ginners in many sections, seeking information on the farm marketing facilities available in their respective areas—including livestock, poultry products, grain, hay, legumes, fruits, nuts and truck crops. Establishment of new markets will depend largely upon the extent to which replies indicate the necessity (Continued on Page Four)

Methodists Hold Brotherhood Meet At Fayetteville

Fayetteville, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in a week-long session here for the purpose of closing forever business of the church and uniting in one body Methodist churches, this morning concluded a brotherhood session and heard reports from district conference members. Among those admitted ministers to the conference on trial were William Herman Brady, of the Fayetteville district, and Clarence Lee Parker, Haywood Harrell and Harry Lee Rogers, of the Rocky Mount district. Reports from the Rocky Mount and Wilmington districts were read by W. L. Knight and Mrs. H. J. Fason.

New U. S. Law Gives Germans A Freer Hand

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist. Washington, Nov. 9.—Some of our American navy folk surmise that, in one respect, our new neutrality law may prove to be a convenience to Germany. To be sure, the Allies now can get war supplies from this country, provided they pay cash for them and carry them away in their own vessels. Theoretically so can the Germans, but everybody knows they haven't the cash, or the vessels to run the Allied blockade. On the opposite hand, the Allies have considerable cash and the vessels to do plenty of successful blockade running. To that extent the lifting of our arms embargo plays into the Allies' hands and is to Germany's disadvantage. That is to say, the Allies now can get what they couldn't get before, and the Germans still can't get it. But our present law strictly prohibits American ships from venturing (Continued on Page Four)

Pledge Given By France to Uphold Neutrality of U. S.

Paris, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Finance Minister Paul Reynaud declared today that if American neutrality is ever violated, "it will not be by any act of France or her allies." "Your country may be called upon to play a great role in the work of reconstruction," he said in a speech to the American club of Paris, following "what we want and are determined to get total peace." "Thanking Americans for their sympathy and understanding," Reynaud said, "Let's not forget the bitter lesson of the last war. Let's not forget the unprecedented economic depression it brought about."

Neutrals To Resist Attack

Netherlands And Belgium Are Arming

More Belgian Troops Mobilized and Netherlands Prepares to Flood Lowlands Areas if Germans Cross Borders.

Amsterdam, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The Netherlands cleared out villages in new "water line" regions today preparatory to defensive flooding, and Belgium raised her mobilization to a near peak figure of about 600,000 men. Passenger service out of Amsterdam was ordered restricted, beginning at 4 p. m., "in view of extraordinary measures taken by the railroad companies." The order was believed to have been due to heavy precautionary movements of troops eastward. The action of the two nations was interpreted as evidence of a wary determination to be ready for any turn in the European war. Official sources in both insisted, however, that they feared no immediate danger for their respective countries.

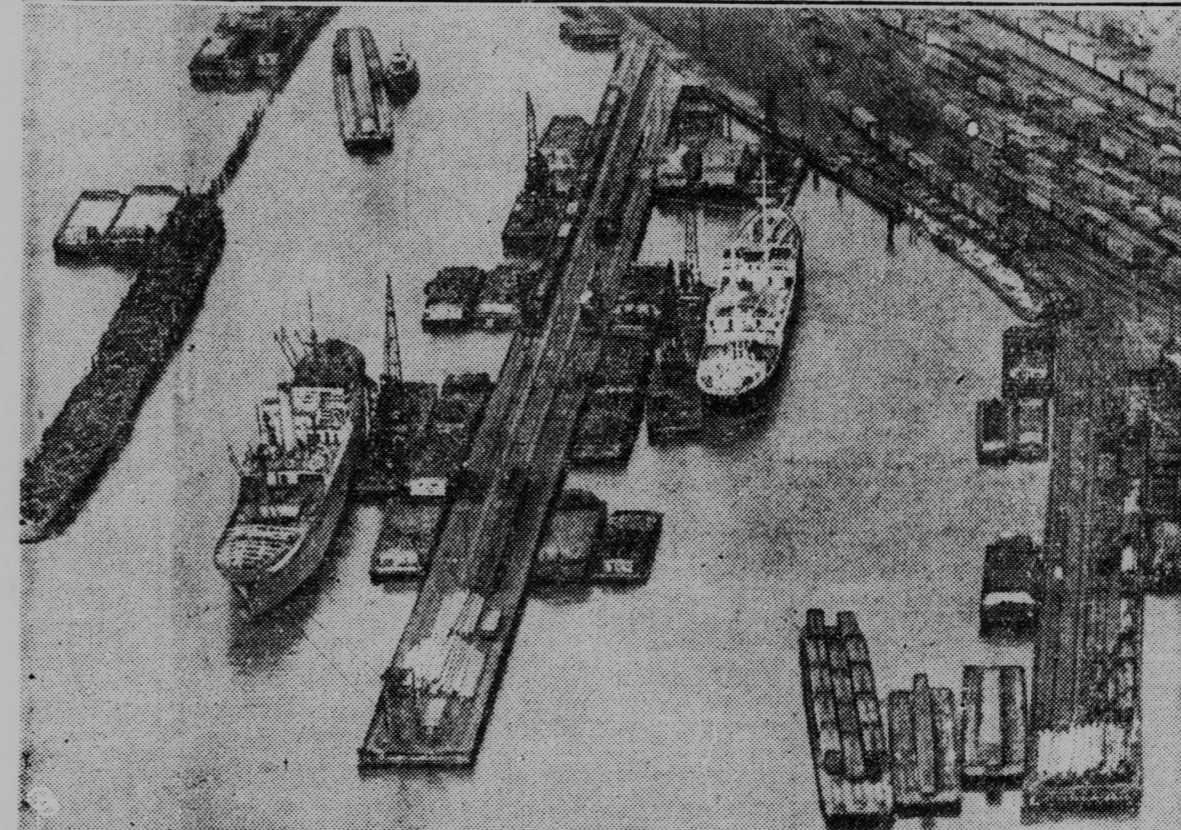
More Ships Transfer Registries

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Maritime Commission sources disclosed that the United Fruit Company had been authorized last month to transfer two of its steamships to foreign registry. This disclosure, together with word that the commission had approved the transfer of a tanker in which the Transoceanic Company was interested, came as the commission gathered for another meeting. Secretary Hull and several members of Congress have protested such a course as against the spirit of the neutrality law, which forbids American-flag ships from entering combat zones in Europe. It was estimated at the Maritime Commission that between 40 and 50 transfers, some of them for small vessels, had been authorized since the European war began. This total included 15 Standard Oil tankers to Panamanian registry. Issuance of licenses for the export of war materials to Britain and France has begun at the State Department, but only in dribbles. Some officials who envisioned long lines of applicants waiting for the State Department doors to open every morning this week have been disappointed.

FDR Renews Peace Plea With Labor

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt explored with the leaders of organized labor's warring factions today the prospects of reopening joint AFL-CIO peace negotiations. The President talked separately at the White House with CIO Leader John L. Lewis and AFL President William Green, but when they left there was no indication that the President's latest effort in his two-year campaign to restore harmony in the labor movement had succeeded. Lewis had a broad smile, but was non-committal about his chat with the President, although he did say that the conference embraced labor peace. "That's all I can do for you today," Lewis told newspaper men who pressed him with inquiries as to whether the long postponed peace conferences were soon to be resumed. Green was more talkative. "I told him there was no hurdle as far as we were concerned," he said. "We are ready to resume negotiations whenever the peace committee of the CIO is ready to meet us."

Loading Death—In Small Fragments



Row on row of barges, all filled with scrap metal ultimately bound for the war fronts of Europe, are shown in this air view of the waterfront at Bayonne, N. J. In the center of the picture are two ships, each being loaded to the gunwales with this precious grist for the mills of war. Scrap iron is high on the contraband list.

Consumption Of Tobacco To Increase

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department forecast today a moderate increase in domestic consumption of American tobacco next year, but said a substantial reduction in the export market was to be expected, because of the war in Europe. Foreign consumption of American leaf, however, might be maintained at about the 1937 level, the department added, by withdrawals from large stocks of American leaf abroad. The department said the total supply of American tobacco on hand, 3,795,500,000 pounds, was the largest on record. The 1,654,000,000 pounds produced this year was a new high. Flue-cured leaf comprised 1,958,000,000 pounds of the total supply, and stocks of burley were said to be "abnormally large." These types make up 75 percent of American production.

Farm Incomes Up For Nine Months Of The Year 1939

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—American farmers received cash income of \$247,000,000 in September, bringing their total for the first nine months of this year to \$5,441,000,000. These estimates by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics today compared with an income of \$745,900,000 in September last year, and \$3,357,000,000 for the corresponding nine months period. Included in the September, 1939, income was \$66,000,000 in government benefit payments. Texas farmers led with a total September income of \$93,943,000. North Carolina farmers in September received \$19,420,000, and for the January-September period, \$93,000,000.

FDR, Morgenthau Won't Ask Higher Debt Limitations

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau said today that neither President Roosevelt nor he would ask Congress to lift the Federal debt limit. The chief executive and Treasury head had been expected to recommend raising the debt ceiling from 45,000,000,000 to probably 55,000,000,000 to clear the way for continued Federal deficit spending. "Congress makes the appropriations," Morgenthau said. "I am just the paymaster. If we get up to the debt limit, I won't draw checks for a penny more."

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Friday; frost in southeast portion tonight; slowly rising temperature Friday.

Garner And Wheeler Refuse To Announce Candidacies As Yet

Charleston Hotel Blaze Kills Guest

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 9.—(AP)—Fire swept through the third floor rear of the St. John hotel on Meeting street last night, resulting in the death of Herman Bruning, 85, resident of the hotel. Several other persons were overcome by smoke. The guests discovered the fire in a store room. Smoke was so thick that firemen had to use gas masks. Desk Clerk K. H. Flake aided several guests to escape, then was overcome by smoke. He was revived by artificial respiration. Joseph Patrick, a bellboy, had to be revived also, and several persons fainted. A woman suffered a heart attack and another had to be prevented from dashing back to her room for her belongings.

Flint Soon To Set Sail For America

Bergen, Norway, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The United States freighter City of Flint, which was captured as a war prize by Germany and then released by Norway, started to unload her cargo today in preparation for returning directly to America. Captain Joseph Galmard said the vessel would carry only ballast on the return voyage. Thus she would travel from one neutral port to another without cargo (Continued on Page Four)

N. C. Cotton Crop 22 Percent Higher For Current Year

Raleigh, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The State Agriculture Department reported today that the 1939 North Carolina cotton crop, estimated at 470,000 bales November 1, would be 22 percent larger than last year. The indicated yield per acre of 292 pounds is 76 pounds higher than last year, but 44 pounds lower than in 1937, and the three-year average has been 281 pounds an acre. The crop is 32 percent less than the 10-year average, and, with the exception of the 1938 crop, is the smallest since 1901.

Friends Unable to Smoke Them Out; Garner Declines "Yes" or "No" Stand; Wheeler Wants to Await Statement by Roosevelt.

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Friends of Vice President Garner and Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, were reported authoritatively today to have urged them to make formal declarations of candidacy for the next Democratic presidential nomination. Before leaving Washington last week-end for his Uvalde, Texas, home, Garner was said to have declined a "yes" or "no" answer to these questions. Wheeler was understood to have decided to withhold comment on the presidential race. Authoritative sources said he believed that any effort to step into the 1940 situation would be politically ill-advised until after President Roosevelt has made known whether he would stand for a third term. Capital speculation on potential Democratic candidates was stirred anew by Secretary Wallace's reiterated belief that Mr. Roosevelt should have another term. Asked about his statement to that effect in (Continued on Page Four)

London Hint Is Germans Fixed Blast

"Those Who Engineered Reichstag Fire Know How To Do These Things", Is Comment; Paris Suspects Sudden Move by Hitler Now.

CONGRATULATIONS

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The State Department, Secretary Hull said today, is awaiting official reports on the Munich bombing before deciding whether to send congratulations to Reichsfuehrer Hitler on his escape. At Hull's press conference, a reporter said he thought it was customary for a telegram of congratulations to be sent by this government when a head of a foreign state escaped injury or death by assassination and asked whether a similar action was being taken in this case. Hull replied that the State Department was seeking to obtain a full statement of the facts surrounding the attempt against Hitler before determining what action to take. The State Department received from the American Embassy in Berlin only a brief account, which he said was not to be official, of what happened.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler, safe behind the walls of his new chancellery in Berlin, today viewed photographs of the first officially disclosed serious attempt to kill him since he assumed power in 1933. Meanwhile, the Reich's tremendous police power combed the nation for perpetrators of last night's explosion in the Munich Burgerbrau cellar, which would have buried the Fuehrer under nine feet of debris had he not left the "beer hall" patch anniversary observance earlier than customary. The blast, in the Burgerbrau hall, a shrine of Nazidom, came a few minutes after Hitler had left to en-train for Berlin, and killed seven of his veteran followers, and wounded 63, 29 of them seriously. The British secret service and Jews were openly charged with an attempt on the Fuehrer's life, but officials said so far there was no trace of persons directly responsible for (Continued on Page Four)

French Fear German Drive On Neutrals

Paris, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The French war ministry today reported increased activity on the whole western front and sharp encounters with German forces, especially between the Moselle and Saar rivers. French military sources said the German attacks, concentrated chiefly in a ten-mile sector on the northern end of the front, had been repulsed, (Continued on Page Four)

Chamberlain Not Hopeful Of Peace With Germany's "Stiff-Necked" Leaders

London, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared today that "the stiff-necked men" who run Germany, "speak no language but that of force," and therefore, "I am not very hopeful of a satisfactory response from the German chancellor" to the peace proposals of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and King Leopold of Belgium. The prime minister's declaration was delivered before the lord mayors' luncheon by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Simon, as Chamberlain was suffering from gout. "Every one will appreciate the lofty motives of the sovereigns of The Netherlands and Belgium in their peace appeals of last Tuesday, and Great Britain will reply, after consultation with the dominions and her allies," the declaration continued. "We do not want to continue the war a day longer than is necessary if a satisfactory settlement can be obtained in another way," Chamberlain wrote. But he reiterated: "Since we have been compelled to take up arms, we shall not lay them down until we are assured that Europe has been freed from the threats which have so long paralyzed the life of her peoples." Observing that "this strangest of wars" must seem to many "no war at all, but rather a sort of siege," he continued that at any moment it may be changed "into a violent conflict." "Repeat of the neutrality act in the U. S. A.," he said, "reopens for the Allies the doors of the greatest storehouse of supplies in the world." "We know that we cannot fail," he concluded, "and I cherish the firm conviction that we shall live to see the foundation laid of a new world in which freedom and humanity will have superseded oppression and the rule of force."