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Chamberlain Quits Post

Nazis Move On Third Blitzkrieg

Invade Luxembourg Holland, Belgium

German Fighting Planes Rain Bombs and Drop Parachute Troops On Neutral Nations Which Hitler Offers "Protection".

May 10.—(AP)—Germany's powerful war machine moved at dawn today on its third blitzkrieg since September 1, 1939.

Adolf Hitler announced this was the beginning of a fight that decides the fate of the German nation for the next 1,000 years.

Steam-rolling its way into Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg by a combination of the land and air forces that proved so effective against Poland, Norway and Denmark, the armed forces of the Third Reich under Adolf Hitler's personal direction "broadened" over Germany's western borders along the "broadest front for attack," as a high command communique briefly put it.

At the same time German fighting planes, with Holland's help, neutral air no longer a hindrance, darted straight for the coast of England.

Large units of bombers and fighters roared over central and western France and over Belgium and Holland, striking at airports and other military objectives, supporting Germany's advance and sharing in the capture of a Belgian seaport.

Hitler's lightning action was based on the expressed conviction that the British and French with the active aid and connivance of Belgium and

Belgium Will Defend Self By All Means

Brussels, May 10.—(AP)—Belgium is "resolved to defend herself by all means at her disposal and cannot be vanquished," Germany was told today in a note handed to the German ambassador by Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian foreign minister.

The text of the note said in part: "Germany for the second time has invaded neutral and loyal Belgium. The present invasion is even worse than that of 1914."

"No ultimatum was given. No official notification. No protest. Instead, a direct attack violating the neutrality of the country."

"This attitude deprives Germany of any justification. This violation will hurt the conscience of the entire world."

Two children were killed and 50 persons wounded in an air raid on Brussels. The Brussels airport also was bombed.

Bombs fell on numerous railway stations.

King Leopold III, taking active command of the armed forces as his father, King Albert, did in 1914, ordered complete mobilization against the invaders.

Nazis Claim Full Success

Berlin, May 10.—(AP)—The German high command announced tonight that German troops had broken border resistance on the Dutch, Belgian and Luxembourg frontiers.

The communique stated: "German troops at 5:30 a. m. went over the Dutch, Luxembourg and Belgian borders. Enemy opposition in the border area was broken everywhere in the first attack in the closest collaboration with the air force."

"A German U-boat sank a British submarine in the sea region near Terschelling (Dutch island in the North Sea.)"

"A German speed boat sank an enemy destroyer with a torpedo in the North Sea."

SWISS MOBILIZE TO MEET CRISIS

Berne, Switzerland, May 10.—(AP)—The Swiss government today ordered general mobilization beginning tomorrow at dawn and announced that a precautionary state of war begins at midnight tonight.

The official communique, which followed a series of bombings and sharp air battles over Swiss soil, said the mobilization was ordered in view of the conditions between the warring countries.

The Swiss army, it was said was "ready for any eventuality x x x to face any menace from whatever side it may come in conformity with the absolute desire of the federation for neutrality."

Dutch War Chief



Gen. H. G. Winkelmann

Commander in chief of the Dutch army and navy is General H. G. Winkelmann. Upon his shoulders rests responsibility for defense of the Netherlands as the country is invaded by Germany.

Attempt To Kidnap Ruler

Nazi Air Squadrons Fail in Daring Plan to Kidnap Queen Wilhelmina.

New York, May 10.—(AP)—Two squadrons of Nazi planes loaded with soldiers were said today by Edwin Hardrich, Amsterdam correspondent for CBS, to have made a "daring" attempt to capture Queen Wilhelmina, an attempt which evidently "has met with failure and sudden death for the perpetrators."

His cable from Amsterdam to CBS said "a daring attempt of the German air force to capture Queen Wilhelmina in the early hours today apparently has met with failure and sudden death for the perpetrators."

"A flight of sixteen large Junkers and possibly more landed at the airport of Valkenburg five miles from the queen's summer villa and about seven miles from her residence in the outskirts of The Hague. Each Junker carried 20 soldiers or more. All were equipped with automatic rifles or machine guns. The planes landed in the early hours of the morning."

"Other contingents of aerial kidnapers landed at Delft, about four miles south of The Hague. The strategy was to cut off The Hague from the rest of Holland, surrounding the capital city, and capture the government even if only for a few hours."

CABINET TRUCE

London, May 10.—(AP)—Opposition labor leaders today called upon their party to devote all its energies to winning the war—a move interpreted as declaration of a temporary truce in Great Britain's cabinet crisis.

Bankers Hear Cadman Speak

Pinehurst, May 10.—(AP)—Dr. Paul F. Cadman of New York, economist of the American Bankers Association, told North Carolina bankers in convention here today that "at the very heart of a system of free enterprise is a free banking system."

"The deepest issue of our time," he said, "is: how far can we surrender the direction of our economic life to government and still preserve our political liberty?"

After outlining government steps at control and regulation he said "we cannot spend our way out of debt either as individuals, business enterprises, or government any more than we can play our way to success."

Rotterdam Falls Prey To Germans

German Army Spans Defenses, Lands Troops by Parachute and Huge Seaplane Transports; Heavy Fighting Reported In City.

Rotterdam, The Netherlands, May 10.—(AP)—A German army of the air spanned the strong land and waterline defenses of The Netherlands today and, landing by parachute and in huge seaplane transports at the western side of the nation, fought its way into part of this seaport city.

The troops occupied Rotterdam's Waalhaven airport after first leveling it with a tremendous aerial bombardment; alighted on the Nieuwe Maas river in the center of Rotterdam, occupied a big bridge across the river and captured the Maas railway station in the city.

Heavy fighting was going on in Rotterdam itself, with the Dutch troops clinging tenaciously to the right bank of the Nieuwe Maas, which bisects the city.

On the other side of Holland, across the main waterline now fed by wide

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LEAFLET BARRAGE ON DUTCH CAPITAL

The Hague, May 10.—(AP)—German leaflets dropped in The Hague by planes told the residents today that "strong German forces have surrounded the city and that resistance is insanity."

This dispatch was filed more than two hours after the Berlin radio's announcement that the Germans had occupied The Hague and apparently proved that to be untrue.

ALLIES PURCHASE MORE U. S. PLANES

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—Aviation authorities said today that the British and French governments have ordered 2,000 or more additional American made warplanes.

The new contracts, for the latest type fighting planes and bombers developed for the United States army air corps, were said to have boosted the allied purchases within the last month to 4,000 or more military aircraft.

AIR VICTORIES ARE CLAIMED BY NAZIS

Berlin, May 10.—(AP)—An official announcement tonight said almost 100 "enemy" airplanes either had been shot down in aerial battles or destroyed on the ground. Seven German airplanes were reported missing in addition to two known to have made forced landings.

DUTCH COLONIES TO BE DISCUSSED

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—Secretary Hull indicated today that consultations would be held with the Latin-American countries concerning the status of Dutch possessions in the western hemisphere.

THE HAGUE BOMBED

London, May 10.—(AP)—An unofficial British statement today said The Hague, seacoast capital of The Netherlands, had been bombed by German invaders.

"Our air attaché at The Hague was nearly killed by a bomb which fell close to the Foreign office this morning," the statement said.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday, not much change in temperature.

Man of Destiny



Winston Churchill, former first lord of the British admiralty and virtual war dictator, today became Prime Minister of Britain upon the resignation of Neville Chamberlain. The above picture, flashed from London to New York, shows Churchill as he arrived at the admiralty in London during recent parliamentary debate on the war crisis.

No Change In U. S. Stand

Roosevelt Sees No Change With Respect to U. S. Keeping Out of Europe's War.

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he saw no change with respect to the possibilities of the United States' keeping out of Europe's war.

At a press conference he told reporters who crowded his office that there was not much that he could say about the situation abroad now, and that it spoke for itself.

With reference to possible effects of Germany's invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg on this country the President asserted a great many things were being studied. He did not explain further.

But in response to a question he said that a German pledge at the outbreak of the current war not to bomb "open" unfortified towns was being considered in the light of reports of the bombing of such cities.

A reporter asked him whether there was "anything you can say at this time as to what you think the chances are that we can keep out of the war."

That, he said, would be speculative. Then he hastened to add an admonition not to say that his words meant that we might get in.

Iceland Placed Under British Protection

London, May 10.—(AP)—In a lightning like move to bar Germany from a strategic base in the far north, Great Britain today took protective custody of tiny Iceland.

The island is linked to German-occupied Denmark by its allegiance to King Christian X of Denmark.

It was not believed that the British force—of an undetermined size—encountered any opposition from German civilians who are known to

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Winston Churchill Is Prime Minister

French Cabinet Is Reorganized

Paris, May 10.—(AP)—Premier Reynaud tonight announced a reorganization of his cabinet to face Germany's drive to the west. Reynaud's office announced the reorganization had been accomplished with the inclusion of two rightist ministers.

Dutch-Belgian Wealth Frozen

Washington, May 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt "freeze" all Dutch and Belgian wealth in this country today to prevent its falling into German hands.

After consultation with financial agents who had been routed out of bed the President signed an executive order extending the freezing decree on Danish and Norwegian wealth in this country to include that of Holland and Belgium.

The emergency order, rushed through before the country's financial markets opened for the day, was the first precautionary step taken to cope with the new war situation which had risen overnight.

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THE HAGUE FALLS

Berlin, May 10.—(AP)—(By radio)—The German radio announced today that The Hague, capital of The Netherlands, had been occupied by German forces.

The announcement said detachments of the German navy occupied the Dutch capital at noon today, according to reliable sources. A fort near the capital also was captured.

Belgians Stop German Drive

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The spokesman said that the Germans must have one of two military purposes in mind.

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2.—A vast strategical movement of invasion comparable to and infinitely larger than that carried out by the German troops against Belgium,

Chamberlain Steps Down in Face of New War Crisis, Giving Place to Fiery Foe of Hitlerism; To Address Nation.

London, May 10.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, belligerent first lord of the admiralty and long time target of Hitler's wrath, tonight became Britain's man of destiny, succeeding Neville Chamberlain as prime minister.

The government announced "the right honorable Neville Chamberlain resigned the office of prime minister and the first lord of the treasury, and the right honorable Winston Churchill accepted His Majesty's invitation to fill the position."

Chamberlain will broadcast a message to the nation at 9 p. m. (3 p. m. EST) tonight, it was announced.

The air ministry announced tonight that Britain's air forces in France had bombed German troops.

The government warned every Briton tonight to be on the lookout for German troops landing by parachute in England.

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in 1914.

In the latter case, "we are at the beginning of the most gigantic battle of all time."

The Belgian army was reported to be busy mopping up small detachments of German parachutists who landed on Belgian territory.

Several German planes were shot down from the numerous squadrons which flew over Belgium.

The war department spokesman said there was as yet no precise information in Paris of the exact line of march of the Germans.

The Germans, he continued, are following the usual tactics of sending shock troops in advance.

The bombardments, he states, are on a vast scale—including Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France—those in France being notably in the eastern and northern areas.

Dutch Drive Nazis Back In Rotterdam

Dutch Islands Bombed

London, May 10.—(AP)—A British source said today that unconfirmed reports had been received that the Dutch Frisian Islands in the North Sea, facing England, had been bombed and parachute troops landed there.

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London, May 10.—(AP)—German fighting planes and parachute troops were reported to have driven back into a defensive position late today by the Dutch troops and the Dutch artillery.

Small detachments of Netherlands marines made repeated rushes on the enemy positions on the river Maas and the fighting was

incendiary shells set fire to a large hotel from which the Germans were operating on the left bank of the stream which divides Rotterdam.

The spread rapidly, threatening the German lines.