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Demands Renewed For Other Fronts Against Germany

London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Chances for opening of a new front against Germany, preliminary by landings in western Europe, broke out again in the British press today after a brief respite inspired by disclosure that an RAF wing had arrived in Russia.

The Times, which ordinarily is slow to join press criticism of the government policies, devoted a full column editorial to a sober reminder that the British are unyieldingly convinced the nation must make the most of the present opportunity not only to help on the eastern front but also to develop other fronts against the enemy.

The editorial, however, circulated from the feeling that time neces-

sarily is on our side," the Times said.

The paper said it was "very doubtful" whether the Luftwaffe's losses were sufficient to prevent the Germans from switching their main air force back to the west and restoring a bombing which would retard British arms production.

Even more pointed was the New Chronicle demand:

"Are we, too, going to play Hitler's game and let him choose of his enemies one by one? Will invasion of the continent be any easier in six months, twelve months or two years, if Russia is broken through link of timely diversion? The answer is no. It probably will be possible and large proportion of our assets will be put in jeopardy on our coast."

Restrictions On Gas To Remain, Ickes Says

Defense Petroleum Coordinator Declares 'To Take Off All Restrictions Now... Would Be Stupid; Should Be Cited'

Washington, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Secretary of Interior Ickes, the defense petroleum coordinator, declared today the rationing of gasoline and the filling station curfew would continue in the east, despite a finding by a Senate committee that there was no oil shortage and that present restrictions should be lifted.

"To take off all restrictions now and yell 'come and get it,'" Ickes declared, "would be stupid."

In his first press conference since the committee wound up its oil investigation September 11, the coordinator said the problem of an oil shortage did exist, and he cited figures to show that for the week ending September 13 gas line stocks on the east coast dropped 565,000 barrels.

This drop, Ickes said, brought the available decline in stocks for a 13-week period to 1,025,000 and compared with a drop of only 180,000 in stocks during the corresponding two weeks last year.

"Our best coast gasoline stocks now," he reported, "are about 2,700,000 barrels, or 12.5 per cent, less than they were at the same time last year. East coast gasoline demand, on the other hand, during 1941 is about 11 per cent higher than during 1940."

Lend-Lease Ruler



Appointment of Lend-Lease Administrator Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., as a Presidential assistant is seen as a move to slash red tape in speeding war-aid deliveries. Stettinius will now have power to sign the President's name to allocations not exceeding \$300,000,000 each.

Ultimatum To Seamen

Maritime Commission Threatens to Take Over Eleven Strike-Bound Vessels.

(By The Associated Press.) The AFL Seafarers International Union rejected today a maritime commission ultimatum to arbitrate a war bonus dispute and threatened a general strike of coastwise and inter-coastal shipping.

A spokesman for the union announced this in New York, following a hurried conference at Weehawken, N. J., of union representatives and the owners of eleven strike-bound ships.

(By The Associated Press.) A threat by the maritime commission to take over eleven strike-bound ships brought ship operators and AFL Seafarers International Union to a hurried conference at Weehawken, N. J., today.

The commission's ultimatum, delivered last night, was that unless arbitration proceedings were started immediately the government would requisition the vessels, which have been held at dock six days by the labor dispute. Captain Granville Conway of the commission said he had set noon as the deadline for action on the dispute.

Seven of the vessels are in New York harbor, two in New Orleans, and one each at Boston and Mobile. They are owned by the Alcoa, Calmar, Robin and Waterman lines.

The Seafarers International Union called a strike Saturday, demanding increases above the present \$60 a month war bonus paid by some lines.

British Planes Resume Raids

London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The RAF today resumed daylight battering of the German-held coast of northern France, following up night raids in Germany in which Karlsruhe and other Rhineland points were bombed.

The whine of fighter planes and the roar of bombing planes resounded over the southeast English coast and the following dull explosions across the water told observers that French targets were being bombed again.

Shortly after the first sweep over, the fighters came streaking back. A burst of cannon fire from these escort ships indicated a dog fight near the shore.

Appropriation Of \$5,985,000,000

LEASE-LEND FUND IS ASKED

Leningrad Faces New Danger

Nazis Take Pill Boxes In Outskirts

German Siege Guns Shell Heart of City and Prepare to Bombard Kronstadt Naval Base; Reds Suffer Other Reverses.

(By The Associated Press.) German troops were reported today to have invested fortified park and taken 143 pill boxes on the outskirts of Leningrad today, while Nazi siege guns bombarded the heart of the city.

It was reported that the Germans to shell the great Kronstadt naval base of the Russian Baltic fleet.

Other dark news for the Soviet cause was obtained in advice reaching London, which said Adolf Hitler's invasion armies at the extreme southern end of the front had apparently cut off the entire Crimean peninsula.

Selmskapel, the big Russian naval base on the Black sea, was presumably cut off from the U. S. S. R. mainland.

Hitler's high command, announcing "great successes" in the onslaught against Leningrad, said German troops sweeping southward across the Dnieper river in the Ukraine were "progressing steadily."

Nazi warplanes operating from the Arctic to the Black sea were credited with sinking three Soviet troop transports, a destroyer, two sea mines and four torpedo boats. Sixteen other ships were declared to have been hit so heavily their loss could be assumed.

German commentators said the silencing of Kronstadt, which guards the sea gate to Leningrad, would permit Nazi warships to move up the Gulf of Finland and take the large-girt metropolis with its 3,200,000 population under a devastating fire.

Countering Berlin's claims of success in the 89-day old struggle, the Russians reported a sharp blow to German blitz prestige, asserting that Red army troops defending Bryansk, on the central front, had all but annihilated the mechanized forces of Colonel General Heinz Guderian, the so-called "blitzkrieg general" of the French campaign.

A Soviet bulletin said Guderian, whose radio-cast, panzer units in France, almost line in front, had lost two-thirds of his effectiveness, a total of 26,000 troops killed, wounded or captured, as well as 300 tanks, 70 armored cars, 1,375 trucks, 195 airplanes, 32 trench mortars and vast stores of other booty.

Wheeler Says Roosevelt Seeks War

Butte, Mont., Sept. 18.—(AP)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, said last night that President Roosevelt's recent shooting orders to the U. S. navy indicates "he is doing everything humanly possible" to get this country into the European war.

Wheeler added that the shooting orders tended to confirm rumors that Prime Minister Churchill told the President, during their recent conference at sea, that England would have to make peace unless the United States came into the war with its navy within 60 days.

Montana's senior senator, in an interview, said he is now convinced that people of the United States "must read the London newspapers" to find out what the administration is going to do about the war.

Russia Mobilizes Her Women



Backing up Russia's enormous army, the Soviet's 192,000,000 population, including children, have been mobilized in the all-out war effort against the Nazis. Pictured in Moscow are some of them learning to fill machine gun belts under the tutelage of a Red army man.

Italians Seek Dardanelles Passage

London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—An authoritative source said today that reports had been received of an Italian attempt to pass warships through the Turkish-controlled Dardanelles under the Bulgarian flag and that the British ambassador to Ankara "probably" had made representations against this proposal to the Turkish government.

The British envoy was believed to have asked that Bulgaria not be considered a non-belligerent because two British allies, Yugoslavia and

Nazis Arrest Chileans

Berlin, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Several Chileans, the exact number undisclosed, have been arrested in Germany on suspicion of engaging in activities hostile to the Reich, an authoritative source announced today.

Disclosure of the arrests was made in connection with a query concerning 27 Germans taken into custody in Chile.

Authorized sources, claiming "the Reich situation" accused Chile of acting treasonously.

(Chicago German), ten alleged chiefs of Nazi cells and three officials of German business houses, were held for investigation at Santiago, Chile, last Thursday night.

Briton Emphasizes Needs Of Russia

SWEDISH DESTROYER ELASTS ATTRIBUTED TO TORPELO MISHAP

Stockholm, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The most generally accepted cause today of the explosion which cost Sweden three modern destroyers yesterday, was the mis-handling of a torpedo. Another report in civilian circles said that a nuclear explosion aboard one of the ships off the Heist, which also destroyed the other two ships anchored beside her.

Official versions of the disaster were reported.

The death toll stood tentatively at 31, was low because many of the crewmen were on leave ashore.

United States and Britain Must Supply Materials Quickly to Prevent Disastrous Turn to War, British Source Declares.

London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—An authoritative source declared today that Britain and the United States must quickly pour a Niagara of war supplies into Russia to make up Soviet losses and prevent a turn disastrous to the allies in "the greatest battle in history."

That battle, he said, now was swaying either way.

He added that Hitler probably would launch a second major offensive and warned that if the Russians do not get equipped and weapons they might be forced to lay down arms.

"The whole history of the world," he went on, "turns on the outcome of this battle."

Even if Russia were beaten, he added, Britain would fight on, "but our task then would become much harder."

Saying that casualties in the east were rising to "astounding heights," he said available data showed that to the end of August there had been 2,000,000 German casualties and 3,000,000 Russian casualties.

Discussing the available means for quick material support to the Russians, he said Britain had found in Iran an effective railway with English gauge and a road which could be turned into a supply line for the Soviet.

Losses in tanks, he indicated, were among the severest blows the Russians had suffered. Those captured by the Germans, he added, were being repaired.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fairly clear and hot and Friday some light showers near the coast, somewhat cooler.

Urban Schools Excel County Units

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The principal aim and objective of most North Carolina school officials and educators has been to make the Tar Heel system uniform throughout the state, but according to statistics on city and county schools, just compiled by the Department of Public Instruction, the city units appear to have an appreciable, if slight, edge on those schools operated by county units.

Running through the entire list of current expenses and capital outlays were \$37,401,639.17, of which \$25,044,966.60 was for the benefit of public education in the 100 county units and \$12,356,672.57, or 29.3 per cent, in the 69 city units.

Now take a look at the value of school property, the number of school houses and the average value per school house. Total of all school property in the state was set at \$116,429,016, of which the county units accounted for \$63,897,139 and the city units for \$52,531,877. There were 3,750 county and 574 city school houses, making the average values \$17,039 and \$91,536, respectively.

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units, which are largely rural, as contrasted with similar conditions in the 69 city administrative units.

Although these 69 city units comprise a smaller proportion of the land area of the state, they include the dense population areas and consequently a larger part of the total enrollment than might be supposed. The 227,653 enrollment represents 26.3 of the state total.

In the matter of expenditure, the 69 city units show a higher percentage. Thus the total amount spent for current expenses and capital outlay was \$37,401,639.17, of which \$25,044,966.60 was for the benefit of public education in the 100 county units and \$12,356,672.57, or 29.3 per cent, in the 69 city units.

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Also there is a wide difference when average values are figured. The total value of all city schools, including \$22,942 in debt, is \$52,531,877. In the matter of enrollment, the city units are far ahead of the county units. The city units, with 632,000 pupils, representing 26.3 per cent of the total of 2,399,000 pupils, the city schools' ratio being 238 out of 300 and the county's 661 out of 739.

In teacher training the city schools again lead so far as teachers' credits are concerned. The average for the state was about 3.2-3 years of college training. City teachers led in an item termed "index of training," by 7381 to 7368. Among city teachers 90.0 per cent had four years training to 792 per cent among the rural teachers.

Excluding vocational teachers and principals, the teachers in city schools received substantially higher salaries on the average. The difference here is due to at least two factors—(1) better training and longer experience, and (2) longer terms in the city school than in the rural.

The average rural teacher's salary was \$804.42, the average city teacher's was \$1,002.41 per year.

In school population the county schools showed 814,264, the city 234,000.

President Ask Speedy Enactment

Appropriation Would Bring Total of Lease-Lend Funds to \$12,985,000,000; Projected Breakdown of Amount Submitted.

Washington, Sept. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for an additional \$5,985,000,000 for the lend-lease program so that there might be "no interruption in the flow of aid to those countries whose defense is vital to our own."

In a letter to Speaker Rayburn, he recommended speedy action. The appropriation would bring the total of lease-lend funds to \$12,985,000,000.

Mr. Roosevelt noted that of the original \$7,000,000,000 last March \$6,200,000,000 had been allocated.

He sent to Rayburn a letter from Budget Director Harold D. Smith which contained a proposed appropriated breakdown of the \$5,985,000,000.

The largest single item, reflecting a determination to supply vital needs for the enemies of the axis, was \$1,875,000,000 for "agricultural, industrial and other commodities and articles."

The next biggest of the subdivisions was \$1,190,000,000 for ordnance and ordnance stores of various kinds, including armor and ammunition. For planes and aeronautical material, including engines, parts and accessories, it was suggested that \$685,000,000 be laid down.

One stipulation contemplated in the draft of the legislation sent along by the budget bureau would forbid use of any of the lend-lease funds to pay any person who advocates, or belongs to an organization which advocates, the overthrow of the United States government "by force or violence."

VATICAN NEWSPAPER DENIES NEWS STORY

Rome, Sept. 17.—(AP)—A report published in the United States, but not carried by The Associated Press, that Pope Pius XII has refused a request of President Roosevelt that he declare war against Nazism justified was denied at Vatican City today.

Observatore Roman, semi-official Vatican City newspaper, said "we are authorized to declare that the request was not made and thus the report is devoid of any foundation."

DELAY PREDICTED IN FIXING PRICES FOR U. S. SUPPLIES

London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Well-informed financial sources predicted today indefinite delay in fixing a basis of prices upon which Britain plans eventually to repay the United States for lease-lend supplies.

They reported that discussion was proceeding on method of accountability to be used in fixing the value of the delivered goods, but "the distinct nature of the problems encountered" is likely to deter a final settlement.

Raleigh Editor Dies

Raleigh, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Frank Smethurst, veteran managing editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, died at his home here early this morning. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

Smethurst would have been 49 years old on October 30. He was a native of Raleigh, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smethurst.

After attending Wake Forest college he joined the staff of the News and Observer, and served for more than 25 years as reporter, columnist, editorial writer and managing editor.

He had been in ill health for several months, and had been confined to his bed for the last fortnight. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Smethurst, author of several novels, a son, Wood Smethurst, a brother, W. S. Smethurst, and a sister, Mrs. R. C. Walton, all of Raleigh.

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