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Gloomy Outlook Seen For Europe By Paris, London

Daladier Says Threat of Warfare Has Become Most Serious Since the World War; British Order Men Into Training Camps

London, June 27. — Great Britain tonight placed thousands of troops on war footing for possible emergency before the end of summer and warned that the threat of war is more serious than at any time since 1918.

The British war office notified 406,000 officers and men of the territorial army, corresponding to the American national guard, to clear up their personal affairs before reporting for training in August and spoke of "the event of an emergency."

Premier Edouard Daladier of France told the Chamber of Deputies that "the situation in Europe and the world today is the gravest in 20 years" and said that unless there is a relaxation of Europe's tension, none of France's 1,250,000 men-at-arms will be released in September and October as had been intended.

A series of ominous developments combined to stir Europe's fears on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the Treaty of Versailles—the source of many of the continent's troubles today.

Developments.

They included:

1.—Germany's mobilization affecting 1,500,000 men, the swift completion of German fortifications along the Polish frontier and assertions of Nazi leaders that they "will not wait long" for satisfaction of Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's demands for the restoration of Danzig.

2.—Sudden closing of the Polish frontier at Steinfliess, near Zoppot, for 10 hours, supposedly for the purpose of constructing Polish tank traps near the Danzig border. The frontier was closed from 2 a. m. to noon Monday.

3.—Increasing complications in Great Britain's dispute with Japan in the Far East, including extension of Japanese blockades to include the ports of Poochow and Wenchow and British threats to use warships to escort British merchant vessels, if necessary.

4.—Soviet Russia's threat to withdraw into isolation unless Great Britain and France speedily meet Moscow's terms for a tri-power military alliance bolstering the European "peace front" against Nazi-Fascist aggression. The Russian threat was understood in Paris to have resulted in new British concessions in a desperate effort to save the negotiations from collapse.

5.—Reports that British and French army, navy, and air force commanders, in conference in Singapore, had decided that their combined forces were sufficient to "hold off indefinitely" any strong Japanese sea and air attack on British and French possessions in South Asia.

6.—Anglo-French alarm lest Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano, who will arrive in Spain July 10, should succeed in drawing Generalissimo Francisco Franco into the new Italo-German military alliance, Spain adherence to the totalitarian arms pact would place hostile armies on three of France's frontiers, at the near of Britain's Gibraltar base and along the western gateway of the western powers' empire communications.

7.—Turkey, having concluded mutual defense agreements with Britain and France to thwart any totalitarian coup in the eastern Mediterranean, was reported to be planning creation of a modern naval and air base on the Gulf of Alexandria as a vital link in the new "peace front."

The British war office notification of a possible emergency at the end of summer came 24 hours after an admiralty announcement that the annual home fleet maneuvers would be held in August, a month earlier than usual.

August is the month when many European statesmen fear a new European "crisis" possibly a "direct German blow at Danzig."

Poland has told London and Paris of her fears, due largely to the German summer maneuvers and fortifications building on the Reich's western borders, and repeated that she depends upon British and France for aid in her struggle if she should be forced to fight for her independence.

with a view of providing a standing army of nearly 1,000,000 men.

Britain's defense moves were given emphasis by the statements of French Premier Daladier before the Chamber of Deputies.

"Three million men are assembled at our frontiers, not counting semi-military organizations," Daladier said. "Munitions factories are working feverishly. Even troop concentrations and maneuvers are announced which are more important than usual."

"Propaganda which obviously is under foreign influence is active inside France aiming to disrupt French energies and Anglo-French solidarity without which there is no hope of liberty in Europe and the world."

"Foreign propaganda surrounds France with a net of intrigue and espionage."

Daladier spoke in connection with a degree adjourning parliament until November. In the meantime, he will rule by decree under his dictatorial powers.

Tar Heels Supporting New Deal Money Bill

Washington, June 28.—The entire North Carolina House delegation, with the exception of Representative J. H. Kerr, who was out of the city, rallied to the support of administration leaders in the vote today that kept the way for a possible compromise of the Senate's drastic curtailment of President Roosevelt's monetary powers.

Among those voting with the administration in the ballot on sending the Senate bill to conference, which was strictly along party lines, was Representative Robert L. Doughton who had just returned from a visit to his Laurel Springs home. Doughton and Mrs. Doughton were guests this afternoon at a luncheon given at the Carlton Hotel by Secretary and Mrs. Cordell Hull in honor of the visiting Crown Prince of Norway and his consort.

Tobacco Grader Favored In Pitt

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\$500 Prize List For Horse Show

Tarboro, June 29.—The Tarboro Horse Show Association, headed by Dr. W. W. Green, will hold a horse show in Tarboro at the Coastal Plant Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, August 12-13.

The organization was perfected at a meeting at the Tarboro clinic, and the following officers elected: Dr. W. W. Green, president; Ben Mayo, vice-president; Billy Green, secretary; V. Harman Crouch, Jr., treasurer.

The organization will run a two-day horse show in August, of 30 classes, and will offer a prize list of \$500.

The show will get under way Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and run off the preliminary classes, children's classes, ponies, work horses.

There will be a admission charge for both days. From the profits of the horse show 25 per cent. will be given as a donation to the Tarboro Rotary Club's orthopedic clinic.

Americans Again Refuse To Heed Japanese Edict

Reaffirm Policy of Liberty of Action in China; Tientsin Tension Relaxes

Shanghai, June 28.—A firm American rejection of a Japanese warning for all foreign vessels to leave the ports of Wenchow and Poochow by noon Thursday (11 p. m., Wednesday, E. S. T.) marked today's developments in Japan's friction with Western nations along the China coast.

Japan's warning accompanied a declaration of her intention to occupy the two ports. Already Japan has seized nearly all China's major coastal cities. Only a few minor ports in the south remain in Chinese hands.

Clarence E. Gauss, United States consul-general at Shanghai, notified Japanese officials that Japan would be held responsible for any damage to American interests in such operations.

Meanwhile, there was marked lessening of tension at Tientsin, where the Japanese army has been blockading the British and French concessions since June 14. This coincided with the announcement that Japan had agreed to negotiate at Tokyo for settlement of the crisis. Tientsin food conditions greatly improved.

Gauss reiterated the declaration of Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, commander-in-chief of the United States Asiatic fleet, that American naval vessels would go wherever necessary to protect American citizens. Admiral Yarnell had reaffirmed this policy only last week as the Japanese warned foreign vessels to evacuate Swatow.

The British yesterday took a similar stand regarding Poochow and Wenchow, which lie about 500 and 300 miles south of Shanghai, respectively. (The French foreign office announced that France also had rejected the Japanese warning.)

At Neither Port.

Today there were no United States naval vessels at either of the two ports. The Japanese were reported preparing for direct attacks against them, and villages outside Poochow were bombed from the air. Nine Japanese transports were reported to be in the vicinity.

From the foreign mission colony at Poochow, where 20 Americans live, came a message saying "all remaining" apparently referring to all foreigners. Eighteen foreign missionaries, including Americans, were reported to have left Wenchow by the British steamer Joan Moller.

Chinese dispatches said that Japanese landing parties near the two ports thus far numbered only a few hundred men.

At Tientsin markets in the British and French concessions had fresh supplies of vegetables, meat and fish after two lean weeks, and bustling crowds, with little sign of the mental strain of the past fortnight, jammed the market areas.

Legion Declares Rose Commander By Acclamation

Sanford and Pittsboro Candidates Withdraw In Favor of Greenville Man; High Point Is Named 1940 Convention City

Raleigh, June 28.—Electing Julius H. Rose of Greenville as department commander by acclamation, the American Legion ended its 21st annual convention here yesterday by accepting an invitation to meet next year in High Point.

Ending the convention in a burst of applause for old and incoming officers, upward of 2,000 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members turned their attention to plans for the national convention at Chicago in late September.

There, the department will urge a resolution, adopted here yesterday, that officers in the World War be continued in service during their normal service careers rather than enforcing retirement.

The resolution was directed particularly at the case of Lieutenant Commander Andrew F. Crinkley of Raleigh, non-Annapolis graduate, who has attained the highest rank confined strictly to flying service.

Legionnaires shouted for resolutions promoting Americanism in the ranks and in the schools and impressing upon State departments and agencies the General Assembly's declaration of employment preference for veterans.

Urges Americanism.

Keynoting the closing session with a call for rededication to the Legion's basic principle of Americanism, National Adjutant Frank E. Samuel of Kansas raised his voice in opposition to the proposed war referendum amendment to the federal Constitution.

"In any of the several forms in which it has appeared before Congress, it would demolish the first line of defense, our diplomacy," Samuel said. "It would harass the nation in its international relations." It would detract from the respect our diplomatic representatives have the world over.

"It would devitalize her diplomatic language. Every venturesome power would accept our war referendum as open notice that it could disregard safely any expressions of our will coming from the President and our State Department. Our diplomats no longer would command attention when they speak."

"It is utterly foreign to the fundamental concept of representative government. We elect our representatives to govern us because we have confidence in them. The American Legion believes that the high responsibility of protecting our country in an emergency should be left to our chosen representatives."

Samuel reviewed the Legion's rehabilitation work, child welfare activity, and other phases of endeavor, for which he congratulated the State department particularly.

Under the expert chairmanship of Commander Burrill Pennell and the watchful eye of Adjutant J. M. Caldwell, his closing convention dispatched a volume of business, including the presentation of numerous awards and trophies for the year.

Department officers were elected without opposition. Adjutant Caldwell taking his post again by overwhelming consent. New vice commanders will be William H. Bailey of Beaufort, P. G. Wright of West Jefferson and Judge Don McKee of High Point.

Dr. A. R. Newsome of Chapel Hill was elected historian and the Rev. Frank J. Howard of Southport, chaplain. E. L. Ewald of Williamston was named judge advocate.

The commander's election took a sudden turn after Rose's nomination. Victor R. Johnson of Pittsboro took the stage to withdraw his candidacy, and William T. Dowd of Sanford did likewise from the floor.

Legion and Auxiliary officers will be installed in Greenville, home town of the new commander, on a date fixed by the old and new commanders. It probably will be the middle of October. Time of the 1940 convention will be decided next February by the executive committee.

Cotton Council Ready To Start Research Work

Memphis, Tenn., June 29.—Moving forward with coordination of the cotton industry's efforts toward increased consumption, the National Cotton Council announced today an agreement under which the Cotton Research Foundation will become the research division of the Council.

President Oscar Johnston of the Cotton Council and President Everett R. Cook of the Research Foundation said in a joint statement that the new affiliation would become effective on July 1.

Operating through multiple fellowship in the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, the Foundation will continue its present exploratory program and in addition will handle all matters of scientific research arising out of activities of the national Council.

"This very practical arrangement," said Mr. Johnston, "has the double advantage of coordinating the efforts of the two organizations and of providing the Cotton Council immediately with a scientific research division which under any other plan would have required considerable time for organization and development."

"It is a major step toward efficient coordination of the efforts of the cotton industry as it proceeds with its new and aggressive program for increased consumption of cotton and cottonseed products."

Organized in Memphis three years ago, the Research Foundation has under way or completed 29 projects looking toward new uses for lint and seed products. New uses and processes which already have passed laboratory tests are being further developed for final commercial production.

Already on the market is a sweeping compound composed mainly of cottonseed hull bran which has been found to have superior cleaning properties. Most recent laboratory announcement is a white paper embodying cottonseed hull fiber.

In addition to its work in the Pittsboro laboratories of the Mellon Institute, the Foundation has projects under way at the University of North Carolina, the University of Texas, the Texas Technological College, the University of Tennessee, and the University of Pittsburgh. Further expansion of research projects is to be undertaken in colleges and universities where suitable projects are proposed and to the extent that available funds make possible.

In addition to funds which will be provided by the five primary raw cotton interests comprising the National Cotton Council, the Foundation will request support from other interests whose welfare is closely linked with cotton economy.

Commenting on the new affiliation, President Everett Cook of the Foundation said he was convinced that "through such a combination of effort, both organizations will be able to increase the effectiveness of their work in behalf of the cotton industry. We are happy indeed to join forces with the Council in its vital program."

Pitt & Greene Electrification Members To Hold First Meeting Here Tomorrow

Greenville Guards To Encamp at Bragg

Greenville, June 28.—Four officers and sixty-four men of Battery A, 11th Field Artillery, National Guard, will motor to Fort Bragg July 16 for their annual encampment and plans already are being formulated for the trip, which will drill them in offensive and defensive military strategy.

Members of the local battery are confining their activities to putting guns and trucks into shape for the trip and getting personal equipment together. It is planned to take three battery guns, equipped with heavy-duty pneumatic tires, to Fort Bragg.

Last year, the battery went to Mississippi, where they participated in the largest peacetime maneuvers in National Guard history. They have been making the trip to Fort Bragg for a number of years.

The Rev. Worth Wicker is captain of the local battery, having succeeded L. R. Brock last year. Brock, forced to resign because of business reasons, was with the local battery during their maneuvers in Mississippi.

Large Crowd Expected To Attend Annual Meeting; REA Representatives from Washington, Special Guests; Farmville Prepared To Extend Cordial Welcome

Representatives of a majority of the seven hundred farm families, who have homes along the 175 miles of rural electrification lines, constructed in recent months by the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation, are expected to gather here tomorrow, Saturday, for the first annual stockholders meeting.

The new school gymnasium will be the scene of this gala event, which will be featured with a talk by R. M. Billhimer, REA representative of Washington, D. C. Mayor George W. Davis will extend a cordial welcome on behalf of the entire citizenship of Farmville; John B. Lewis, attorney for the Corporation, will explain the status of the proposed addition; congratulatory remarks will be heard from other prominent citizens; Miss Mary Lockey, of Washington, who is also connected with the REA will give a demonstration of cooking whole meals in an electric roaster and the utilization of other electrical appliances; dealers will exhibit appliances; the warehousemen here have arranged to have ice, cold lemonade for everybody; a barbecue dinner, furnished from membership funds, will be served at noon at the city park, and a tour of Farmville's modern power plant will be made, in order that the farm folks may see the wheels go round and inspect the three mighty Diesel engines, which are to free them from so much back breaking labor and bring more joy and pleasure into their lives.

An important feature of the business session will be the election of a Board of Directors to succeed the present officials, who have sacrificed much of their time and means in this gigantic undertaking and in the attainment of this great boon to rural families during the past three years.

The members of the Board, who have written history for this community and rendered inestimable service in improving living conditions of the rural dwellers of this section of Pitt and Greene counties, is composed of: J. Lee Twigwell, president; J. C. Parker, vice president; Seth Barrow, secretary and treasurer; T. H. Rouse, W. C. Hinson and O. A. Erwin.

The first allotment of \$300,000.00 by the Federal Rural Electrification Administration to the organization with Farmville as its sponsor, was made in April 1937, after the Board had worked untiringly on the project for a period of 12 months, and March 6, 1938 was the red letter day, marking the energizing of the first 50 miles of rural lines, which lighted the homes of two hundred families.

The three additional applications bring the total miles, constructed by the Corporation and the REA, to around 175, and the number of families enjoying the benefit to about 700.

The Board is now preparing to survey a new territory, near the end of the present lines in response to an appeal from the farmers of the Snow Hill vicinity, which will call for an extension of 75 miles to light the homes of 800 other families.

This extension will necessitate an application for \$300,000.00. The proposed new lines will extend from Farmville to Edgecombe county on the North; to Wilson county on the West; to Lenoir and Wayne counties on the South; and to the lines of C. L. Hasky and the Town of Greenville on the East.

A great deal of the credit for the success realized in this project goes to the cooperative spirit of the officials of the Rural Electrification Administration, and of Farmville, who have not only shown great interest and enthusiasm but have readily acquiesced in every way possible in bringing to fruition all plans of the Board relative to this improvement.

Benefits To Jobless Increasing in State

Washington, June 28.—Benefits paid to North Carolina jobless under the Social Security program in May totaled \$436,269, an increase of 89.3 per cent over the amount paid out the previous month, the Social Security Board reported here.

The number of initial claims filed with the state office of the board also increased, the 26,416 claims being 6.3 per cent greater than the number filed in April.

Nationally the number of claims filed decreased 30 per cent, while the amount of benefit payments rose 19.4 per cent.

Hoey To Proclaim July 3 A Holiday

Raleigh, June 29.—Governor Hoey today or tomorrow will proclaim July 3 a legal holiday in North Carolina. The proclamation, first of such a nature yet issued by Governor Hoey, was requested by the State Banking Commission and Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood.

Since Independence Day falls on Tuesday, bankers requested Monday to give a "long week-end" for July 4th celebrations. Attorney General Harry McMillan, member of the Council of State and called the Governor, who is returning from the Governor's convention in Albany, N. Y.

The Governor instructed the Attorney General to draw a proclamation for his signature when he returns to Raleigh, either tonight or tomorrow.

The State already has designated July 2 as a holiday for its employees. Banks can close only on Sundays and holidays and on such days they cannot transact legal business.

Down Nazi Plane

London, June 27.—An Exchange dispatch from Warsaw today said Polish artillery brought down a German plane which disregarded warning shots while flying over Hal Poznan.

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The aircraft was the second round fired by the Polish gun but the plane, which fell into the sea. A passing German ship picked up the crew.

Independent sources, confirming the incident as related by Exchange Telegraph, said it occurred last Friday.

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I call on the people of North Carolina and the people coming into our State to stop this mid-summer massacre by signing a new Declaration of Independence, Independence from annual tribute of many of North Carolinians needlessly sacrificed, independence from the kind of celebration that leaves us the dead, the sightless and the suffering.

I call on the people to remember that it is not only tragic, but cruel to the pursuit of happiness by bringing about death, disability and tragedy.

Let's not turn a happy holiday season into a period of wholesale tragedy. Let's be alive on the 4th!

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Congressman Warren Leaves For Ocracoke

Washington, June 28.—Representative Warren, Democrat, North Carolina, left by automobile today for Ocracoke Island, N. C., to attend the celebration of "Industry C. Warren Day" celebrating Monday, June 29.

Democracy Conducted in Pitt

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