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The Weather
Cloudy, possible showers today and Thursday. Lower temps. Max Temp. Tues. 78. Min. 55. River -3.9 feet. South winds.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

British Admiralty Mobilizes All Sea Forces

Roosevelt Appeals to Fuehrer Again for Peaceful Settlement

Fate of World Held at Stake In 2d Message

President Asks Fuehrer to Continue Parleys at all Costs
States Peaceful Solving to Be Great Service to Humanity

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight addressed a new peace appeal to Chancellor Hitler.

The president said the "fate of the world today and tomorrow" now is at stake.

His telegram went to Berlin at 10 p. m., Eastern Standard time, following conferences with state department officials. It was directed only to Hitler.

Appealing to the German chancellor to continue at all costs present negotiations, the chief executive said:

"I have considered judgment and in the light of the experience of this century continued negotiations remain the only way by which the immediate problem can be disposed of upon any lasting basis.

"Historic Service to Humanity"
"Should you agree to a solution in this peaceful manner," the message continued, "I am convinced that hundreds of millions throughout the world would recognize your action as an outstanding historic service to all humanity."

"Allow me to state my unqualified conviction that history and the souls of every man, woman and child whose lives will be lost in the threatened war will hold us and all of us accountable should we omit any appeal for its prevention."

Hitler Points to Versailles
The message was in answer to Hitler's reply to Mr. Roosevelt's first peace appeal, in which the chancellor said, "It is the question of the fate of the world today and tomorrow."

"The question before the world today, Mr. Chancellor, is not the question of errors of judgment or of injustices committed in the past," Mr. Roosevelt said. "It is the question of the fate of the world today and tomorrow."

Death of Logger Bound in Mystery

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 27.—(AP)—Charles Nelson, 45, Gales Creek logger, who was found unconscious early Sunday in the street at Southwest Second avenue and Grant, died today from a fractured skull and apparently left police with a "mystery killing."

Detectives Al Eichenberger and Herman Horack said a resident of the vicinity heard two men arguing and one exclaimed: "What were you doing with my wife?"

The resident said he heard a dull thud and looked out the window to see a man stretched in the street. A woman whose name police withheld tried to visit Nelson at a hospital and police have since been unable to locate her. The detectives said Nelson recently had separated from his wife.

Cottage Grove Passes Bonds for Union High

COTTAGE GROVE, Sept. 27.—(AP)—By a vote of 410 to 119, citizens of 14 districts approved a bond issue of \$150,000 for a new union high school here to be built with PWA aid. The PWA will be asked to contribute about \$100,000.

TELL-O-SCOPE

Czechoslovaks an oppressed people before they gained their present national status?
No, says Joseph A. Weber, machine designer for the Oregon state highway department. "Why when I was a boy and the Czechs were under Austria, we had to learn their language in high school," Weber declared. "They weren't oppressed."

President Discusses Nation's Course in Situation With Hull



President Roosevelt yesterday directed his second appeal for European peace to Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany, asking urgently that negotiations on the Czechoslovakian question continue without resort to war. The president is shown above as he conferred recently with Cordell Hull, secretary of state, on the European crisis.

Roosevelt Names Railway Arbiters

Strike Forestalled When Railway Labor Act Is Invoked

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked two veteran arbiters and a former top-flight administration executive today to find a solution for the current wage dispute between major railroads and 19 employe unions.

Invoking a seldom-used section of the railway labor act in an attempt to avoid a nationwide strike, Mr. Roosevelt created this commission to study the controversy and report to him by Oct. 27.

Chief Justice Walter F. Tracy of the North Carolina supreme court, chairman; Professor Harry A. Mills of the University of Chicago; Dean James M. Landis of the Harvard Law school, former securities commission chairman.

President Roosevelt acted less than 24 hours after the unions announced in Chicago they would call a strike if the railroads put a 15 per cent wage cut into effect Saturday.

Invocation of the railway labor act postpones at least until Nov. 26 both the pay reduction and the strike. The law requires the emergency board to "report respecting such dispute" 30 days after its appointment. The status quo is maintained during that period and for 30 days after the report is made.

Chinese-Japanese War at Standstill

SHANGHAI, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Despite almost continuous aerial bombardment of vital Chinese defenses on the Hankow front, Chinese reported today they had fought Japanese land forces almost to a standstill.

Chinese tactics were aimed at holding off the Japanese to force them to wage a wintertime campaign against the provisional capital.

Salem High Students Desire Increased Band Instruction

A reported "surprising" increase in the demand for band instruction at Salem high school was attributed by Salem school board members in part to the extension of instrumental instruction down into the grade schools in recent years.

The "demand" was emphasized by Director L. E. Barrick, who said he had been besieged by parents asking why their children were not permitted to play in the senior high band. He said, half in jest, he was at a loss to know what to tell them and wondered "why they should seem to pick on me when I don't know a piccolo from a hand organ."

Molalla Girl Dies In Road Accident

Two Others Little Hurt When Car Leaves Road on Bad Curve

Lois Shank, 21, Molalla, met death almost instantly when a car in which she was riding, going west on the Hubbard-Whiskey Hill road near Hubbard, left the road on a curve, jumped an eight-foot WPA-constructed drainage ditch and landed bottom side up.

The driver of the machine, Vernon C. Landis, and his mother, Mrs. Frannie Landis, both of Molalla, were unhurt except for minor lacerations and shock. Landis, 20, sustained a lacerated chin, and Mrs. Landis, 66, was said by state police to be suffering from minor abrasions and shock.

A state officer who investigated said Landis claimed he was unaware of the curve in the road and that his machine shot off the road bed before he could turn the wheel.

The Landises were treated for their injuries in Woodburn. The body of Lois Shank is at the Keith O'Hair mortuary, Woodburn.

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Hope of Peace Continuing Is Big in France

Pressure of Democratic Powers on Nazis Said Cause of Hope

Meanwhile, French Move Guns and Men to Face German Border

(By the Associated Press)
PARIS, Sept. 27.—A surge of optimism that peace can be saved rose in France tonight.

Sources close to the French foreign ministry said pressure of the world's democratic powers had created a definite impression in France that Germany would hesitate before going to war to exact her claims from Czechoslovakia.

They said that pressure would increase steadily between now and Saturday—"der tag" which Adolf Hitler has set as the deadline for satisfaction of his Sudeten demands.

Preparedness Is Example
France's military preparedness, increased by the calling of additional reserves daily, was an example of that pressure.

Troop-trains rumbled through the south of France moving men and guns into defense positions.

Advisers from that region said many troops were being transported to the Italian frontier where an estimated 150,000 men already were manning mountain positions.

While military preparations were stepped up, civilians started an exodus from Paris to beat the rush which would follow any general order to evacuate the capital.

Railway stations were crowded with families departing for other sections of the country.

American Leave French Capital
Americans, too, were leaving on the advice of their embassy to return home if they were able to do so.

Adding to the 2,000,000 men already under arms, reserves with red unnumbered mobilization cards were called up today. Their exact number was a military secret.

The French reserves were distinct from the two echelons (reserve categories) of white cardholders mobilized formally last Saturday.

The British announcement that Britain would fight with France and Russia against German invasion of Czechoslovakia, and President Roosevelt's message calling for peaceful solution were taken as further evidences of democratic pressure.

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Brazier Small, chairman of the civil service commission, said last night Winslow had not as yet filed any demand for a hearing.

Winslow, if he so desires, may ask for such a hearing.

Czech Cabinet Meets Behind Dark Windows

Entire Nation Darkened During Night as air Raids Feared

Troop Trains Rattle on Endlessly to Border Territories

PRAGUE, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Behind darkened windows, the Czechoslovak cabinet met tonight with clock-ticking off the minutes leading up to "der tag"—Saturday and expiration of Chancellor Hitler's ultimatum.

It was decided that Gen. Jan Syrovky, who became premier last week, would make a radio address tomorrow, name day of St. Wenceslaus, patron saint of Bohemia.

Prime Minister Syrovky has a strong hold on the popular imagination. He was the general who led 70,000 Czech soldiers in an epic march across Russia to the Pacific and thence around the world to fight against Germany on the western front in the World War.

After tonight's cabinet meeting a foreign office spokesman said of today's radio address by Prime Minister Chamberlain of Great Britain:

"Chamberlain's speech is considered as the very last effort to maintain peace. Chamberlain went to the extreme limit to which man can go."

Catholics Pray For Peace
Cardinal Kaspar issued an appeal to all Catholics to pray for peace, and tonight women laid flowers at the foot of St. Wenceslaus' monument in Prague's main thoroughfare.

On guard against a possible air raid, Czechoslovakia was blacked out, with only powerful searchlights brushing the skies after dusk.

President Eduard Benes and the cabinet ministers studied Chamberlain's address, and also scanned reports on large-scale war preparations as troop trains continued to rattle toward Czechoslovakia's twisting borders.

Anti-aircraft batteries studied the hills surrounding the capital. Swift pursuit planes, tuned for take-offs at a moment's notice, waited nearby air fields. Youth and physicians and medical students were mobilized.

Discipline Kept
And yet through the whole nightmarish structure people were keeping perfect discipline.

Scattered fighting still rolled along the borders, but a sense of impending disaster had forged other pre-crisis political dissenters into a firm defense phalanx.

Support came from the Association of Young Democrats in Czechoslovakia. This organization sent President Benes a letter saying it was ready to fight for the integrity of Czechoslovakia, and it congratulated the country's leaders on the measures already taken.

Their offers of military service, however, were not needed, now, for it was stated officially the army cannot accept any more volunteers at the moment.

The ranks are filled to their present capacity, and training camps recruiting their new uniforms to the frontiers were jammed.

Sprague Disfavor Given Spoils Raids

PORTLAND, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Charles A. Sprague, republican candidate for governor, said in a radio address tonight that he was "warmly hostile" to spoils raids on departments for political purposes.

Sprague, presumably answering speculation on what would happen to hundreds of Democratic state office workers at Salem if he were elected, declared his "general policy respecting commissions would be to avoid sweeping changes unless conditions justify such actions."

Henry L. Hess, Sprague's democratic opponent, has been quoted as saying he would make wholesale revisions in personnel at Salem if he were elected.

Truck Operators, Teamsters Agree

PORTLAND, Sept. 27.—(AP)—The Truck Operators' League of Oregon and the powerful AFL teamsters' union signed a contract today embracing the same hour and wage conditions as existed under the previous pact.

Each group agreed to submit differences to a joint conference board.

Local No. 162 and the joint council of teamsters signed for the union. The league represented about 37 firms.

Mystery Veils Journey Of Two Light Cruisers From San Diego Harbor

Secrecy Surrounds Hurried Preparation of Boats for Long Trip; Rumors Persist That Ships Will Head for Europe

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 27.—(AP)—Bound for an unknown destination, two navy cruisers slipped quietly from port at 10 o'clock tonight, after a day of feverish fuelling and provisioning.

They are the USS Concord and Cincinnati, light cruisers. It was rumored that 10 o'clock also was to be the sailing time from San Pedro of their sister ship, the USS Trenton, which has been at the northern port for overhaul alongside the tender Medusa.

Where the cruisers are bound is a matter of conjecture, but the most persistent rumors were that their next stop would be Panama, then the east coast—and across the Atlantic. But so far as official confirmation was concerned, naval officials were silent.

First word of the impending departure of the light cruisers came today, when it was reported that all had been ordered to provision for six months, and to bunker to full capacity, the task to be completed by 8 a. m. tomorrow. Throughout the day, fuel barges were busy alongside the cruisers, while cargo lighters and motor launches kept a stream of stores moving from shore to ship. By nightfall, the provisioning was complete.

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King Decrees Land in State Of Emergency

Chamberlain Gives Scant Hope of More Peace Conferences

Reserve of Royal Fleet Ordered to Report at Depots Today

LONDON, Sept. 27.—(AP)—The entire British navy was ordered mobilized tonight and a "state of emergency" was decreed for the nation on a call by Prime Minister Chamberlain for the empire to prepare for war—if fight it must.

The admiralty suddenly announced at midnight the mobilization of the world's most powerful navy in the face of an imminent threat of war.

Under the same threat, King George and the privy council decreed the state of emergency.

Earlier Chamberlain told the empire and the world in a six-minute radio broadcast that he would try for peace "until the last moment."

Mediation Hope Scant
But he held out only scant hope of further mediation with Adolf Hitler, whose demands for a large slice of Czechoslovakia by Saturday he termed "unreasonable."

"In a grave, deep voice the prime minister said: "If I were convinced any nation had made up its mind to dominate the world by fear of its armed force, I should feel that it must be resisted."

The mobilization announcement of the admiralty, which said its decision was taken as a "precautionary measure," assumed special significance for two reasons.

Active Navy Units On War Basis
One was that active service units of the navy already were virtually on a war-time footing since the home fleet was concentrated off the coast of Scotland for "normal maneuvers" last month.

The second was that since the navy can mobilize quickly and quietly without public announcements such as are needed to call up army reserves, the admiralty statement obviously meant that naval officials recognized the urgency of having all available trained man power on the spot for immediate duty.

Just what mobilization means is one of the British navy's many secrets.

The admiralty refused to deny that merchant ships are being commandeered. Plans for such requisitioning certainly are included in naval preparations for a major war.

Men Reporting This Morning
Without waiting for individual summonses, men serving in the royal fleet reserves were ordered to report at their depots Wednesday morning.

The fact that the order applied to "members of the royal fleet reserve Class B only" obviously meant mobilization of all regular units already had been effected.

The king will issue a proclamation tomorrow calling out the reservists. Admiralty instructions announced tonight will follow immediately.

Royal fleet reservists in the submarine service were to go direct to Fort Blockhouse, at Gosport, submarine headquarters adjoining the great naval base of Portsmouth.

Members of the royal naval reserve, meanwhile, were ordered to follow instructions issued at various ports.

Other naval reservists, the admiralty said, would receive individual summonses if their services were required.

Hundreds of millions of listeners all over the world heard the prime minister's address.

Heavy Rains Halt Combat in Spain

HENDAYE, France (at the Spanish Frontier), Sept. 27.—(AP)—Reports reaching this border town today said that heavy rains and uncertainty over European crisis combined to keep the Spanish civil war at a virtual standstill.

Military dispatches from the Ebro river front in South Catalonia said artillery alone was active. Activities on other fronts were said to be similarly limited.

Mayor of Albany Asks City Prayer of Peace

ALBANY, Ore., Sept. 27.—(AP)—City-wide participation in prayer for world peace was requested today by Mayor C. R. Ashton for services to be held Wednesday evening. The Albany Ministerial association issued the call to prayer.