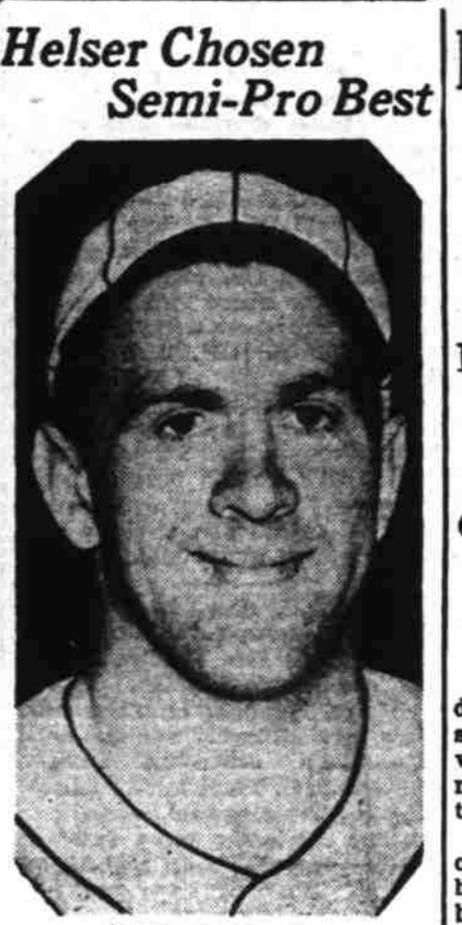


Nazi "Party Day" Cancelling Renews Fears

Capital and Rose City Split Softball Honors

Radio Outfit Squeezed out; Pades Victors Square Deal Hopes Are Dashed in Final Frame, 5 to 4 Salem Girls Rout Vets From Portland by 16 to 2 Edge



ROY HELSLER

Helsler Chosen Semi-Pro Best

Silverton Pitcher Given High Honor Team Loses to Texans but Five Gain Spot on All-American

Hop Fiesta Close Set Today, Races

Keizer Band Leads Parade of Pets, Children in Saturday Feature

Festival Crowds Get Unscheduled Thrill at Races

INDEPENDENCE, Aug. 26.—June Brooks, princess of the royal court for the sixth annual Hop Fiesta at Independence, provided unexpected excitement for the crowds gathered to watch the log rolling and speed boat racing on the Willamette river at Independence this morning.

250 US Refugees Bound For Home as War Looms

LE HAVRE, Aug. 27.—(Sunday)—A group of 250 American refugees from Europe's threats of war sailed for home early today on an emergency trip of the United States liner President Roosevelt.

Powder Cargo Blasts, Killing Six on Truck

Maine Residents Blown to Pieces in Major Road Tragedy Countryside Is Littered With Debris; Entire Family Killed

HOLDEN, Me., Aug. 27.—(Sunday)—An explosion of 100 sticks of dynamite in a truck, which last night blew to bits a man, woman and three children, today claimed a sixth victim.

Two Other Cars Blown Off Road Two automobiles traveling in opposite directions were blown from the highway by the force of the blast, which aroused this northeastern Maine town of 543 inhabitants.

Joseph J. Muir, an occupant of one of the machines, was not expected to live. He and two companions, Mrs. Annie Harlow and her 12-year-old son, Lawrence, of Bangor, were taken to a Bangor hospital.

Thomas Skales, of Cambridge, Mass., driver of the other auto, was thrown 25 feet by the impact. Moffett, a truck driver, had picked up a case load of dynamite in Ellsworth earlier in the day, driven it to Bangor, and was returning to Ellsworth when the explosion occurred.

Mrs. Grindie and her children were returning from a visit to the Eastern Maine General Hospital in Bangor where her husband is a patient. Skales said he saw a blinding flash of light, then heard a deafening roar.

Parts of bodies were strewn for 200 yards around. Some fragments clung to telephone wires. Portions of the automobile were found 40 feet from the wreckage.

The blast blew in doors and windows of an unoccupied farmhouse nearby, caused houses to shake in a two-mile vicinity, and ripped communication and power lines, plunging Holden and nearby Eddington in darkness.

A piece of steel from the truck flew through the windshield of the Muir automobile, almost severing Muir's head.

Portland Allows Pinballs for Fun

PORTLAND, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Portland decided today to permit pinball machine operation "for the present" but only for amusement.

Justices Are Before Grand Jury in Probe

Investigation of County Business Methods Is in Full Swing State Auditor Believed Due to Testify in Week Ahead

Charges of Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan that the county court had neglected to see that audits of justice court records were made in some cases apparently provoked a grand jury for the Marion county grand jury's inquiry into conduct of county business yesterday as three of the county's six justices of the peace appeared before the body.

The grand jury, convened secretly Friday, worked in a quiet courthouse yesterday. With regular county employees off on their weekly half holiday, the jury continued to hear testimony until 3:30 p. m. It halted then only because several subpoenaed witnesses were unavailable.

Expect Auditor To Testify Floyd K. Bowers, assistant in the secretary of state's division of audits, is expected to be called before the grand jury this week.

Bowers handled much of the audit of the county treasury books which resulted in charges of larceny of public funds being placed against County Treasurer D. G. Drager and his former deputy, W. Y. Richardson.

Called before the jury yesterday were Justices of the Peace Alf O. Nelson of Silverton, Hiram Overton of Woodburn and E. E. Howell of Jefferson. Walter H. Bell, justice of the peace at Stayton, has already been before the body, it was learned.

Miller B. Hayden, Salem district attorney, is expected to appear before the grand jury this week.

Dispatches Raise Washington Hope

US Capital Keeps Vigil of Europe; Plans for Nation's Security

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Dispatches from abroad gave official Washington a measure of hope today that a European war might be averted, but there was no relaxation in the hour-by-hour study of developments abroad, or in the government's advance preparations for the steps this country will take if war breaks out.

Neither the White House nor the state department had received any indication as to when, or whether, Adolf Hitler would reply to the president's peace appeals. It generally was assumed, however, that week-end developments would show whether Europe would be plunged into war or would settle differences by negotiations.

The French and Polish ambassadors called at the state department and discussed the fast-developing European events with Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state.

Need Local Help To Harvest Hops

Although over 3000 persons were placed, most of them in hop picking jobs, by the Salem office of the state employment service the past week, additional hop pickers are needed, D. L. McBain, manager, said yesterday.

Reply to Demands not Waited

British Chief On Spot Again In War Drama

Chamberlain Again Key as Answer Debated to Hitler Note Peace or War Hinges on British Reply, Is Belief now

By J. C. STARK LONDON, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Tall, spare, 70-year-old Neville Chamberlain brought Europe tonight as the chief actor in a European drama of war or peace as the British government deferred a "yes" or "no" answer to an eleventh hour overture from Adolf Hitler.

Again the British prime minister and his cabinet—but primarily the prime minister—were confronted with decisions of momentous importance to the future of Europe and in circumstances bearing both parallels and contrasts to the crisis of 1938.

For two hours and a half Chamberlain sat with his cabinet discussing the full implications of an apparent offer from the German chancellor to negotiate at this late hour the German-Polish dispute which, in the prime minister's own words, had brought Europe within imminent peril of war.

The terms—if they were terms—were brought to London during the day by the British ambassador in Berlin, Sir Neville Henderson, after an hour and a quarter conference to which Hitler himself had summoned him in Berlin yesterday.

But at the end of the cabinet session tonight it was announced that a compromise would be held tomorrow morning before Henderson flew back to Berlin with a reply to Hitler.

Despite its delay in sending forth an answer to Berlin, the British government was said in usually well informed quarters to be determined to prevent Poland from going the way of Czechoslovakia.

The apparent optimism in Nazi circles in Berlin at the prospect of a compromise was not shared in British circles. The tendency on government circles here was to minimize the possibility of negotiation—unless Hitler was ready to talk on terms of "lasting peace."

The British, like the French, pushed on with military preparations just as though negotiation was as remote as it seemed last night when German developments indicated a lightning move against Poland was planned.

The failure of Germany to strike last night when the stage appeared to be set for swift military action, and Hitler's sudden summons instead to the ambassadors of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, was interpreted by some observers as a sign that the fuhrer was not ready to risk a European war over his claims against Poland.

These claims, as reported in reliable diplomatic quarters in London, were not defined clearly in Hitler's talks with Henderson and the French ambassador yesterday.

But the German chancellor was said to have stressed his desire to avoid war with Great Britain and France and to have indicated a strong desire for negotiation.

France Reiterates Polish Guarantee, Calls More Troops

Additional Mobilization Taken to Mean Move to Bolster Negotiations With Germany or Actual Preparations to Fight

PARIS, Aug. 26.—(AP)—France was reported tonight to have told Germany in a firm response to Reichsfuehrer Hitler's peace proposals that the way to settle the European crisis was for Germany to negotiate directly with Poland.

France advanced military preparations almost to the point of general mobilization tonight by calling up three new groups of reserves, a step which could mean:

1. France and Britain were strengthening their hand for negotiations with Adolf Hitler for a peaceful end to the Polish-German quarrel;

2. Or simply that the nations were further preparing to fight, if no negotiations resulted or the Hitler proposals were unacceptable.

Today's mobilization called up groups 1, 5 and 6, pushing the number of men under arms in France's empire above 2,200,000.

Only two groups remain to be called before mobilization would become general. Eight groups in all have now been called.

The French answer, handed personally to the Nazi chieftain this afternoon by Ambassador Robert Coulondre, was said by French diplomatic sources to have stated the French position in two points:

1. France does not want to have to fight but she has given (Turn to page 2, column 2)

Mussolini Eager To Retain Peace

Premier Exchanges Notes With Fuehrer Again in New Effort

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK ROME, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini is taking an active part in a "last attempt" to save the peace of Europe, a responsible Italian informant said tonight.

The duce of fascism was represented as willing and perhaps eager for negotiations which would avert war but along with this, fascists emphasized, must be considered Italian claims upon France for a greater share in African colonial possessions.

Mussolini, nevertheless, continued with steps of military preparedness. He conferred with army, navy and air chiefs, and there was conjecture as to whether general mobilization was discussed.

Act Held Negative To Hopes

Europe Is Believed Stalemated Again

Hitler Move Seen As Answer to Rejection

By ALVIN J. STEINKOPF BERLIN, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler called off his Nazi "party day of peace" tonight without waiting for English reaction to his outline of "minimum demands" on Poland.

The cancellation of the Nazis' biggest show, which was to have taken place at Nuremberg beginning September 2, dampened faintly rising hopes that Europe might get out of its present difficulties peacefully.

The party's "day of peace," a name chosen by Hitler himself, will not be held unless events in the immediate future warrant the holding of such a congress, it was stated in a brief official announcement.

It was called off less than an hour after the British cabinet in London had finished pondering Hitler's "minimum demands," which British Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson had rushed to the English capital by airplane.

The impression here was that through his diplomatic organization, Hitler had heard that the British answer probably would indicate that, from the English point of view, the German demands on Poland were regarded as excessive.

Germany's hasty answer, apparently to call off its party "day of peace," Europe Believed Back in Stalemate

The result shortly before midnight was that Europe again was back in the old stalemate, and with the question of whether the next few days are to bring peace or war still unanswered.

Henderson was expected back here tomorrow forenoon with the British answer to the latest German proposals.

The cancellation of the party convention, for which vast preparations had been made, was regarded as new evidence of the seriousness with which Germany regards the European outlook.

The latest step had the immediate effect of dampening the slight optimism which had been spread through Berlin earlier in the evening.

The drastic action was regarded another indication that the Wilhelmstrasse was taking an increasingly serious view of developments.

Japanese Cabinet Shakeup Looming

Feverish Political Pitch Clears Way to Turn From Fascist Axis

TOKYO, Aug. 26.—(AP)—A day of intense political activity was said to have cleared the way for a reshuffle of the Japanese cabinet following close upon the government's decision to turn away from the Rome-Berlin axis to a position of "splendid isolation."

Domestic Japanese news agency predicted an emergency cabinet session early next week, possibly Monday, to consider reorganization.

War Minister Gen. Seishiro Itagaki conferred with high army officials after the army formally approved the shift in foreign policy and the government protested to Berlin against the signing of the German-soviet Russia nonaggression pact.

Itagaki had taken the lead in efforts to persuade Prince Fumimaro Koyama, president of the privy council and former premier, to resume the premiership, which he held during the earlier part of the Japanese-Chinese war.

Premier Baron Kichiro Hirayama was closed during the day with Seihin Ikeda, cabinet counselor and former finance minister, after reporting to the emperor earlier in the day. The resignation (Turn to page 2, column 4)

Typhoon Blocks Japanese Plane

SAPPORO, Hokkaido Island, Japan, Aug. 27.—(Sunday)—(AP)—The Japanese round-the-world airplane Nippon was ready to take off for Nome, Alaska, today but it was likely its departure would be deferred because of reports of an approaching typhoon. The plane arrived here yesterday after a three-hour flight from Tokyo.

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 27.—(Sunday)—(AP)—Wireless messages received here today confirmed reports the Japanese good-will plane Nippon left Hokkaido island en route to Nome last night.

The purpose of the corporation is to "build up an association of voters in Oregon to amend the constitution."

Persons familiar with the corporation said it was the intention of the sponsors to file an initiative measure in the near future providing a \$30 a week pension for all citizens of Oregon over the age of 50 or 55 years.

A similar initiative measure has been filed in California and probably will be on the ballot there at the next general election.

"Ham and Eggs" Group Launching Drive in Oregon

"Ham and eggs with \$30 per week for Oregon" is the name of a new corporation which filed articles in the state corporation department here Saturday.

Killing Europe's "Mad Dog" To Save More Lives Urged

SEATTLE, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Brigadier General C. E. Blighen, publisher of the Seattle Times, in a signed Sunday editorial advocated "extermination" of Adolf Hitler "and the criminal dozen or so advisers who surround him."

Blighen said the "murder of human beings" by war.

General Blighen, wartime colonel of 24th coast artillery, wrote that:

"Civilization has never hesitated to kill a mad dog to prevent injury to human beings. Why the civilized portion of the German people hasn't acted before is beyond understanding.

"The world would be a cleaner, safer place with Hitler out of the picture."

"There will be some who will say that such thoughts constitute advocacy of assassination. If the elimination of a mad dog in order to prevent the murder of human beings can be considered assassination, then the Times is perfectly willing to face any odium that may result from the publication of these views."

In its Saturday edition, the Times carried a "want ad" reading:

"Experienced Austrian paper-hanger and painter at liberty shortly. Will accept any reasonable gentle employment. 1313 Doorn, Adolf."

The publisher said he did not write the advertisement.