

Territorial Disputes

European wars have their counterpart in territorial disputes over here when the gridiron battles open this week. Get the scores first in The Statesman.

The Weather

Partly cloudy today and Thursday with scattered thunderstorms. Max. temp. 60, min. 46. River -3.9 ft. Northwest wind.

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

Allies Say "No" to Hitler's Peace Plan

Estonia Coast Blocked by Russia's Navy

Move Held in Reply to Escaping of Polish Sub

Fear for Future of Tiny Baltic Lands Is Aroused

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Reports reaching here from Tallinn, Estonia, tonight said the soviet navy had blockaded Estonia's coast.

The reports said the harbor of Tallinn was under particular surveillance and that no ships were allowed to enter or leave.

The action was assumed to be retaliation for the failure of Estonian authorities to prevent the escape of the interned Polish submarine Orzel yesterday from Tallinn.

Tass, the soviet official news agency, announced early today that "measures" were being taken by the red Baltic fleet because Polish and other submarines were hiding in neutral Baltic ports.

Particular mention was made in the Tass communique of the escape of the Polish submarine Orzel from Tallinn. It was charged Estonian authorities had abetted the escape.

Three Little States in Baltic Puzzle

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 19.—(AP)—With Estonia's coast reported blockaded by Russia's navy, three tiny states lying along the Baltic sea formed a question mark tonight in the revamping of eastern Europe's map by the German and Russian military machines.

Dependent for their existence on the mutual interest of Germany and Russia in their independence, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania bobbed helplessly, like corks on turbulent waters, in the surge of events which struck Poland and which may at any time be directed against them.

Despite Russia's assurance of neutrality, there loomed indications that she intended to dominate the north Baltic area where she was said to want an ice free port.

Russian Absorption Believed Imminent

In Copenhagen, the Berlinke Tidende carried a report saying English sources believed it was only a question of time before Estonia and Latvia would be incorporated into Russia.

A joint declaration of determination to remain neutral and to uphold their right to trade with all countries, including the belligerents, ended a two-day neutrality conference of five northern countries.

The declaration by representatives of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland was announced by the Danish foreign office.

The neutral nations said they hoped to attain their aim through negotiations with the belligerents.

Officials Believe

The sand-bagged entrance to the foreign office silently emphasized.

California Law Cuts Marriages

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—(AP)—California's new law requiring medical certificates prior to marriage became effective today and business at marriage license bureaus throughout the state came to an almost complete halt.

Only three licenses were issued in San Francisco, the lightest day's business in the marriage license bureau here since the days before the gold rush.

The Los Angeles total for the day was down to three.

Normally, week-day business in San Francisco is 25 licenses a day. Los Angeles usually issues many more than that.

32,000 Maple Leaf Troops To Be Ready if Call Comes

OTTAWA, Sept. 19.—(Canadian Press)—Defense Minister Ian MacKenzie announced tonight two divisions of Canadian troops would be organized to be available as an expeditionary force if and when they should be required in the war against Germany.

There are 15,000 men in a division.

The government announced that other measures for Canada's immediate program of cooperation with Britain would include doubling the naval personnel, intensifying air force training, and construction of a large number of anti-submarine craft.

It was believed the first division would be ready for service overseas early in the new year.

The government's statement said the first aid requested by the British government is responsible for Canada's offer to the allies.

POLES WRECK IN BRIDGES IN NAZI PATH



Wrecked bridge across the Vistula shown in radio photo above at Bromberg, Poland, was not smashed by Nazi bombers, who smashed many another military objective in the vicinity, but by Polish troops retreating before steadily advancing Nazi forces. Bromberg is in the center of a rich Polish iron center on the Vistula. (IIN photo.)

Radio Tells Devastation At Warsaw

BUDAPEST, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Warsaw's defiance of the German army's demand for surrender was broadcast again by the Polish capital's radio tonight after a day-long shelling and bombardment.

The announcer in a tired voice recited in English a story of devastation resulting from the 12-day-old siege.

"Warsaw presents a very pitiful sight," he said. "Buildings, monuments, museums and art galleries are in ruins. We will fight to the last drop and never surrender."

German planes delivered an ultimatum to the Warsaw population, dropping leaflets from airplanes, last Saturday, ordering it to evacuate the capital under threat of bombardment. The ultimatum expired Sunday afternoon.

Polish authorities rejected the ultimatum.

Frontier reports said two Polish infantry battalions crossed from Sianki and Usok and were received with honors by Hungarian border guards.

President Enters Neutrality Battle

Executive to Make Speech on Ideals at Opening of Special Session

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that he would go before congress on Thursday to deliver an address officially opening the historic contest over the neutrality law.

He began drafting that significant document—which is to be short because congress already has much information on the subject—as members of house and senate started arriving in the city for the special session.

Among those who reached the capitol, Senators Vandenberg (R, Mich.) and Holt (D, W. Va.) immediately announced their opposition to changing the neutrality statute at this time, while Senators Connally (D, Tex.) and Guffey (D, Pa.) said they would support the administration's proposal that the embargo on arms shipments to European belligerents be repealed.

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Heroic Polish Units Still Showing Fight

Gdynia Force "Waiting for British to Arrive"; Warsaw Fight Resumes; Germans Tell of Many Captives, Much Loot

BERLIN, Sept. 19.—(AP)—The German army, still opposed in government-abandoned Poland by widely scattered forces, reported today the capture of 50,000 prisoners and "immense booty" after crushing a Polish army in one of the biggest battles on the eastern front.

The high command's announcement of victory on the Brura river west of Warsaw came as military activity was reported resumed at Warsaw and a force of between 2000 and 1000 Polish troops waged a desperate fight against heavy odds west of German-conquered Gdynia, once Poland's seaport.

Some captives taken in repeated German onslaughts against the little contingent near Gdynia were quoted as saying they were "waiting for the British to arrive." The fight in the Gdynia sector was raging furiously when Fuehrer Adolf Hitler arrived at nearby Danzig for his triumphal entry into that city.

The German communique said "dissolution and capitulation of scattered or encircled remnants of the Polish army are progressing rapidly."

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Poilus Parry Initial Drive Of Nazi Army

Major Activity Tried by German Forces on West Front

French Pierce Deeper to Take 2 Towns in Day's Action

PARIS, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Under cover of a heavy artillery barrage, German troops were reported tonight to have struck in the heart of the northern flank on the western front and been turned back by French forces.

The German armies, with victory over Poland on the eastern front virtually complete, took the initiative against the French in the west.

The French general staff's communique said the Germans' "partial attack" was met and turned back during the night east of the Saar river. It was the first major attack by Germany on the western front since soviet Russia invaded Poland Sunday, helping German frontal assaults to crush France's eastern ally.

The French General staff's evening communique described the place where another German attack had been turned back as "east of the Blies" river.

(Dispatches from Basel, Switzerland, said French troops, basing their action from Saarguemines on the south and Blies on the east, moved northeast this morning and captured the German village of Bebelshelm, three miles from Saarguemines, where French artillery reduced German defenses to rubble. The village had been deserted days ago.

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Red Army Takes Key City, Wilno

Soviets March to Lwow in South; Seizure of Estonia Rumor

MOSCOW, Sept. 20.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—The red army general staff early today announced the capture of the northeastern Polish city of Wilno, ancient capital of the Lithuanians, "after two hours' fighting."

Wilno, about 85 miles from the Russian frontier, is the most important city yet taken by the west-bound red army. It has a normal population of about 207,000.

In the south, in the Ukraine, the soviet troops pressed into the "outskirts" of Lwow, Poland's third largest city, from the north-east and from the south. German troops already had virtually encircled the city.

Just how far into Poland the red armies planned to go was not definitely known, but it was understood the invasion probably would halt on a line running roughly from Wilno to Lwow.

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Reich Ready to Fight Long War if Rejected

Danzig Speech Seen Full of Misstatements

Chamberlain to Make Parliament Report in Talk Today

France and Britain to Beat Hitlerism Paris Message

LONDON, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Authoritative quarters reiterated Britain's determination to say "no" to any Nazi peace offer tonight as an official communique charged Adolf Hitler's Danzig speech was "full of gross misstatements."

The statement gave a lengthy review of "the tale of Herr Hitler's broken promises" and said "he can scarcely expect Great Britain to believe that German aspirations are limited and that Germany has no further aspirations in the west."

Prime Minister Chamberlain, who has asserted repeatedly that "Hitlerism must be smashed" if there is to be lasting peace in Europe, will give his third report on the war to parliament tomorrow.

Today held vital interest was centered on his appearance in the light of Hitler's statement in his speech today that Germany and Soviet Russia would determine Poland's future.

"It is surprising that a man in his responsible position should venture to convict himself so palpably of his own mouth," the official British statement said of Hitler.

Commenting on Hitler's statement that he could not understand why the Polish government rejected his proposals the 3000 word statement said:

"The answer is that the Polish government had before their eyes the shameful betrayal of the solemn assurances given by the German government at Munich."

The British Broadcasting corporation broadcast in Poland tonight a message to Warsaw from "the British people" asserting "all the world is admiring your courage. Once again Poland has fallen victim to the aggressive designs of her neighbors. . . we, your allies, intend to continue the struggle for restoration of your liberties."

Paris, Sept. 19.—(AP)—The implied bid of Adolf Hitler for peace on his own terms was rejected by France tonight.

A French commentary on Hitler's Danzig speech replied:

"France and Britain will not let the dictatorship of Hitler condemn the world to slavery and ruin of all moral values and the destruction of liberty."

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Threat to Equal Force and Then Some Hurlled at Democracies in Talk as Fuehrer Accepts Danzig

Permanent Peace in West — or War of Duration With no Capitulation — Alternatives Given Allies

DANZIG, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler today warned Britain and France that for every bomb thrown on German towns he would answer with five or 10.

In an impassioned one hour and 14 minute speech accepting Danzig into greater Germany, the Fuehrer asserted:

1. Germany is prepared to wage a seven-year war if necessary.

2. Germany and soviet Russia, Europe's "two greatest nations," would reestablish "law and order" in eastern Europe.

3. Germany has "no war aims" against Britain and France but Germany and Russia guarantee that Poland, as created by the Versailles treaty,

"never again will rise."

4. Germany does not want Russia's Ukraine territory.

5. The basis of the German-Russian understanding "is the removal of this nightmare which bore heavily upon British statesmen . . . that the German regime desires to conquer the world."

Hitler pledged he would conduct a humanitarian war provided his opponents did likewise, but that if they departed from this he would meet them with their own weapons.

The frontier between France and Germany could remain as it is for all time, he asserted.

Tone Toward Britain Both Bitter, Mild

With England, he said he desired nothing but friendship.

At the same time, much of his speech was devoted to a bitter attack on the British government. France virtually was exempted from all war guilt.

Britain alone is to blame, appeared to be Hitler's contention. He insisted he was willing to accept her challenge.

Waxing fervent and shouting with an earnestness that betrayed deep emotion, he exclaimed "there is one thing Germany will never do—capitulate."

Hitler, after 13 days of the eastern campaign during which he acquired a much healthier complexion than on the day he met with the reichstag September 1 to announce his military action in Poland, declared himself proud of the achievement of his army, navy and air force.

Before Poland's final fate is settled, he intimated vital interests of Germany and Russia must first be satisfied.

Implore Almighty to Enlighten Foes

Beyond his references to Poland's fate he did not announce his war aims in precise terms. He merely said they were very moderate.

He implored the same God, who he said visited blessed Germany for the past 18 days, to grant enlightenment to Germany's adversaries so they could appreciate the blessings of peace and cease making war.

Of the Poles, he said the Bible verse applied which refers to the Lord who smote them with their men and horses.

Three hundred thousand Polish soldiers, he declared, now German prisoners, were part of the price Poland had had to pay for her "folly."

The Fuehrer asserted it was an error to suppose that a cleavage could be made between the German leadership and its people—a statement which Germany's newest citizens, Danzig's 400,000, cheered wildly.

New solidarity with Russia was one of the highlights of his statement of policy.

"Russia remains what she is and Germany remains what she is" (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4.)

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BIG AIRCRAFT CARRIER VICTIM OF SUB



Unusual photo taken recently from a British parent plane shows the HMS Courageous, 23,500-ton British aircraft carrier which has been sunk by a Nazi submarine, presumably in sea lanes close to home waters. Last night's final list of survivors showed 878 men unaccounted for of the huge ship's complement of 1,800 crew and officers. The attacking sub was believed to have sunk in retaliation by destroyers. The planes in photo belong to the aircraft carrier. (IIN photo.)

Boys, Matches, Cost \$7500

PORTLAND, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Two boys playing with matches were blamed by Fire Investigator William Goers today for a fire that did \$7500 damage to 10 business establishments at East 28th avenue and Burnside street last night.

The fire started in the rear of a garage and spread to a two and a half story frame building.

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Courageous Death Toll 578

Final British Count Shows

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