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Chamberlain Is Striving For Peace

Hitler Unreasonable, Still Chamberlain Clings To Hope Of Peace In Heartfelt Talk

LONDON, September 27: (CP)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain declared tonight in a broadcast from No. 10 Downing Street that he would not hesitate to make a third trip to Germany if he thought it would do any good but at the moment "I can see nothing further that I can usefully do in the way of mediation."
"I find Herr Hitler's attitude unreasonable in his final demands but I shall not give up my hope for a peaceful solution."
At one point the Prime Minister said: "However much we may sympathize with a small nation confronted with a big powerful neighbor, we cannot in all the circumstances undertake to involve the whole British Empire in war simply on her account. If we have to fight, it must be on larger issues than that."
"I am, myself, a man of peace to the depth of my soul. But, if I were convinced that any nation had made up its mind to dominate the world by fear of its force, I should feel that it must be resisted. Under such a domination, the people who believe in liberty would not feel life worth living."

ELEVATOR CABINET PROBLEM MEETING

Minister of Commerce Busy Trying to Secure its Operation This Season—Other Matters Discussed
European Crisis Is Again Engaging Attention of Canadian Government
OTTAWA, Sept. 27: (CP)—The Dominion cabinet is meeting again today to consider the European crisis and the question of Canada's participation in any war in which Great Britain may become involved. There have been communications from Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner in London.

Dividends Up In September

Canadian Companies to Pay \$19,800,000 This Month
TORONTO, Sept. 27: (CP)—Dividends scheduled to be paid by Canadian companies in September are estimated at \$19,800,000, a gain of more than \$600,000 from the figure for the corresponding month of 1937.
Although this is the second consecutive month to show a gain over last year's record-breaking total, the losses experienced in June and July, months of heavy payments, have not been overcome. For the first nine months of 1938, estimated payments will aggregate \$202,300,000, a decrease of about \$1,400,000 from the same period of 1937.

Halibut Sales

American
Bonanza, 24,500, Atlin, 9.9c and 6c.
Sherman, 11,000, Cold Storage, 9.5c and 6c.
Canadian
Atlin, 7,500, Cold Storage, 8c and 5c.
Unome, 25,000, Cold Storage, 8.1c and 5c.
MORE THAN BUMP

FOLKESTONE, Eng., Sept. 27: (CP)—"Have I got a bump on my head?" asked nine-year old Gordon Wales after falling 100 feet over the cliffs near here. He received serious scalp injuries and was taken to hospital.

ASSIZE IS CONVENING

Four Criminal Cases, One Civil and One Divorce For Court Opening Tomorrow

With four criminal cases, one civil action and one divorce petition on the list, the fall session of the Supreme Court Assizes will convene here tomorrow morning with Mr. Justice H. B. Robertson presiding. His Lordship will be arriving tomorrow morning on the steamer Prince George from Vancouver.
L. W. Patmore K. C. will act as crown prosecutor and the criminal cases are as follows:
Rex vs. John Lambert, charged with possession of liquor smuggled into country, T. W. Brown defending.
Rex vs. Margaret Robinson, attempted murder and wounding, T. W. Brown defending.
Rex vs. Laura Windsor, Bella Bella, manslaughter of child.
Rex vs. John Sim, attempted arson, J. T. Harvey defending.
In the civil action W. J. Kyle, telegraph operator of McBride, is suing Thomas Jamieson of McBride for \$5000 damages in connection with an assault alleged to have taken place at McBride. J. T. Harvey is counsel for Kyle and P. E. Wilson K.C. of Prince George for Jamieson.
The divorce petition, undefended, is Samuel Wise Turner vs. Sarah Turner with Eddie Bensen named as correspondent, counsel for petitioner being L. W. Patmore K.C.

List of Jurors

The following have been summoned for jury service at the Assize:
John Alexander Allan; John Arkle (Terrace); Arthur Alger (Usk); John Stewart Brown (Burns Lake); Jesse Bridden (Masset); Robert Brasell; John Thomas Ballinger; Edgar Biddulph Baker; Frank Bruce (Cedarville); John Bouzek (Stewart); John Barker (Smithers); Robert T. Clarke South (Bulkley); Dennis T. Christopher (Cedarville); William Currie (Masset); Albert Charles Cameron; Gust Ross Christoff; John Eaton Davey; Wm. Thomas Esselmont (Stewart); Sidney Elkins; Fred Forest (Usk); William Farr (Premier); Charles Bertram Flewin (Port Simpson); Dennis Fraser (Hazelton); Robert Greenfield; Lee Murray Gordon; Howard Robert Hibbard; George Hill; Herbert Arthur Heinrich (Ocean Falls); John Alexander Hinton; Max Heilbronner; Michael Hudema; Fred Jackson (Ocean Falls); James Krikevsky; John James Little; Harry Lincoln; Wm. Hugh Lewis (Smithers); Gerald Bristol Latimer (Ocean Falls); Bernard Mould (Rose Lake); Harry Miller (Remo); Joseph Albert Morris (Smithers); Hector McDonald (Ocean Falls); Lawrence E. Macey (Ocean Falls); Joseph Naylor; John Soren Nelson; Stanley Earnest Parker; Judson E. Palmer (Ocean Falls); William Milnes Watts; Thomas Nicholson Heslip (Telkwa).

MIGRATION ABANDONED

Seventy Thousand Mennonites Will Not Be Returning to Canada

OTTAWA, Sept. 27: (CP)—The proposed migration of 70,000 Mennonites from Mexico to Canada has, apparently, been abandoned following a ruling that half of the proposed migrants were not born in Canada and, therefore, are not entitled to enter the Dominion. Years ago the Mennonites left Canada for Mexico.

BIG STRIKE IS LOOMING

Possibility of Railway Tie-up in United States Again Seen—Presidential Intervention

CHICAGO, Sept. 27: (CP)—A nation-wide railway strike in the United States again looms unless there is a restoration of the fifteen per cent wage cut. A total of 950,000 men would be involved. President Franklin D. Roosevelt has, however, intimated that he would intervene.

Bulletins

GREAT SHIP LAUNCHED
GLASGOW—Queen Elisabeth, with a message from the King calling upon the people to "keep cool heads and brave hearts," today launched the new giant 85,000-ton Cunard-White Star liner bearing her name.

SANCTIONS ON JAPAN
GENEVA—The Council of the League of Nations decided today that punitive measures were applicable against Japan. Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese delegate, said: "The only question now is to what extent the various members of the League will participate in sanctions."

LONDON GOLD PRICE
LONDON, Sept. 27: (CP)—Bar gold was up 2c at \$34.98 per ounce on the London metal market yesterday.

WAR CLOUDS

EMERGENCY IN BRITAIN

LONDON—The official Gazette today published an order signed by the King declaring "a case of emergency exists" and authorizing the calling of auxiliary air forces for defence. The order-in-council authorizing calling up of defence units in the air force was issued yesterday but the full order declaring existence of a state of emergency was not disclosed until its publication in the official Gazette today. Viscount Gort V.C., chief of Imperial General staff, and Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, air chief, conferred with Premier Chamberlain today, strengthening the belief that Hitler is obdurate in his "final" demands on Czechoslovakia. The conference took place after Sir Horace Wilson, close adviser to Chamberlain, flew back from Berlin after two meetings with Hitler.

GERMAN TROOPS MOVING UP

BERLIN—A stream of motorized military detachments moved southeastward today through the main streets of the German capital. Coming from the west and moving towards the Czechoslovak border, they took more than two hours to pass by.

FRANCE CALLS MORE TROOPS

PARIS—France has answered Chancellor Hitler's threat against Czechoslovakia by calling additional masses of troops to the colors, sources close to the government said.

BELGIUM MOBILIZING

BRUSSELS—The Belgium government has called six classes to the colors. The order went out after a cabinet meeting and a conference between Premier Spaak and war officials.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA REFUSES DEMANDS

LONDON—The Czechoslovakian government, through its minister to Great Britain, Jan Masaryk, announced today that it refused to accept Hitler's demands on Sudetenland. It was in a note given Foreign Secretary Halifax Sunday and stated: "My government wishes me to declare in all solemnity that the Hitler demands in their present form are absolutely and unconditionally unacceptable to my government." The note added that Czechoslovakia expected France and Great Britain to assist her.

PRAGUE INDIGNANT

PRAGUE—A Czechoslovakian government radio broadcast indignantly states that the Hitler demands show "a brutal desire to crush Czechoslovakia as a free state."

Great Britain Is Prepared To Guarantee Execution of Cession Plan Although Peace Hope Slim

Pattullo At Ottawa

OTTAWA, Sept. 27: (CP)—Premier T. D. Pattullo of British Columbia met the Dominion government yesterday. Complete stoppage of Oriental immigration to Canada and construction of the Yukon portion of the Alaska highway were asked. There was also a general discussion of relief questions. "I am always an optimist," said Premier Pattullo to inquiring reporters.

Fernie Coal Mine Is To Be Reopened

FERNIE, Sept. 27: (CP)—The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. announced yesterday that No. 1 East mine at Coal Creek, in which three men lost their lives last week in a fall of coal, would resume operations within a few weeks.

Makes Declaration in Reply to Hitler's Evident "Lack of Faith"—Would Prevent Shedding of Blood—Mean-time War is Still Felt Generally to be Imminent

LONDON, September 27: (CP)—The world's chance of peace, slim as it may be, appeared to hang today on a new guarantee by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain that the British government was prepared to insure execution of the Anglo-French plan for cession of the Sudeten areas in Czechoslovakia to Germany. The Prime Minister made a public declaration to this effect in reply to what he called Chancellor Adolf Hitler's "lack of faith."
Premier Chamberlain asserted that acceptance of the plan to which Czechoslovakia had agreed "will satisfy the German desire for union of the Sudeten Germans with the Reich without shedding of blood in any part of Europe."
Observing that it was evident that Chancellor Hitler had no faith that the promises made would be carried out, the British Prime Minister commented: "These promises were not made to the German government direct but to the British and French governments in the first instance. Speaking for the British government, we regard ourselves as morally responsible for seeing that the promises are carried out fairly and fully and we are prepared to undertake that they shall be so carried out with all reasonable promptitude provided that the German government will agree to settlement of terms and conditions of the transfer by discussions and not by force. I trust that the Chancellor will not reject this proposal which is made in the same spirit of friendliness as that in which I was received in Germany."
Premier Chamberlain's statement came after midnight. While in some quarters it was considered reassuring in face of the serious crisis, the general consensus of opinion still appeared to be that peace had a slim chance.
That France, Great Britain and Russia will stand united to resist overrunning of Czechoslovakia generally is increasingly evident following yesterday's important announcements. France will decide what constitutes an attack and a signal to step in—entry by Germany into Sudetenland or Czechoslovakia proper.
Bold and menacing as it may have been, it is observed that Chancellor Hitler's speech in Berlin yesterday did not mention war specifically. He is still felt to believe that he may be able to obtain appeasement by negotiation and plebiscite.
Meantime, throughout all Europe preparations for war continue feverishly and Great Britain is keeping in step. It was estimated last night that 600,000 British armed forces had been called out "for defence purposes." Trenches are being dug in London parks as air raid shelters and thousands of people stood in line for issuance of gas masks. King George was reported last night to have signed a general mobilization in readiness for promulgation at short notice.
British and French war authorities have been in conference and, in the event of war materializing, it is reported to have been agreed that France shall direct operation of armies and air forces while Great Britain will direct the navies.
Meanwhile in Germany thousands of troops continue to move toward the frontiers.
France is hastening her mobilization as are all the other nations

APPEAL BY ROOSEVELT

Uncle Sam Interested in European Crisis—Message to Leaders—Getting Ready For Emergency

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27: (CP)—President Franklin Roosevelt yesterday took a hand in the European crisis by appealing to President Edouard Benes of Czechoslovakia to exhaust every possible means of settling the dispute with Germany without resort to arms. In reply, President Benes stated that this was still possible. Czechoslovakia, however, was resolved to fight, if necessary, to protect its integrity from aggression. A similar appeal for European peace sent to Chancellor Adolf Hitler was replied to today with "I completely and in every way share your views concerning immeasurable consequences of a European war." Both Democratic and Republican leaders praised the action of the President in moving to protect peace.

Hospital Ready By Early Spring

Second Floor Slab Completed and Steel Columns and Beams Now Going In
With the second floor slab now completed, steel columns and beams to support the second floor ceiling and roof of the new Prince Rupert General Hospital building are now being erected while pouring of concrete for the walls is also proceeding. The contractors—Bennett & White Construction Co.—now place late February or early March as the time by which the building will be completed.

that would become involved.
In Rome leading government spokesmen declared that supporters of Czechoslovakia were endeavouring to discredit Germany. Premier Benito Mussolini advised Great Britain and France that the best means of preserving peace would be to turn their backs on Czechoslovakia.
Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff of Russia is reported to have declared that "peace by force is the only answer to Hitler."