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Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands — Fresh to strong southeast winds, unsettled and cool with showers.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 2:03 a.m. 20.1 ft.
14:06 p.m. 21.0 ft.
Low 8:06 a.m. 5.5 ft.
20:1 3.8 ft.

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Russian - German Friendship Pact

ESTHONIAN AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED

Mutual Assistance and Trade Pact With Soviet Concluded—Amounts To Protectorate

MOSCOW, September 29.—Conclusion of a mutual assistance pact and trade agreement between Soviet Russia and Estonia was announced last night following conference of the Estonian foreign minister with Soviet authorities. The agreement is for a period of ten years and provides for Russia to obtain naval, air and military base concessions giving it virtual control of the Gulf of Finland and the Gulf of Riga. A garrison of 35,000 troops in Estonia will be permitted. Russia, in return, guarantees Estonia against aggression and will be a source of supply for the smaller nation which will henceforth be the status of a virtual protectorate.

Announcement of the conclusion of the agreement followed the complete capitulation of Foreign Minister Selter to the demands of the Russian foreign commissar, V. M. Molotov, for naval, air and military concessions and a display of Russian naval might off the Estonian coast yesterday.

The agreement terminates a Russo-Estonian situation following the report by the official news agency of a second attack within two days by an unidentified submarine on Soviet shipping near Estonia.

FORCE FOR OVERSEAS

Canada To Send Division Abroad Shortly—All Parts of Dominion To Be Represented

OTTAWA, September 29.—Hon. Norman Rogers, minister of national defence, announces that the first Canadian division for active overseas service is now being organized. It will proceed overseas and when required.

The first division will be assembled at once. A second division will be kept in reserve. All parts of the Dominion will be represented as far as possible on the basis of population.

Certain technical units from auxiliary troops will be sent overseas and these eventually will form part of the overseas force.

The announcement of the organization of the overseas service force came following a meeting of the cabinet yesterday.

When the Canadian force will proceed abroad will depend upon discussions now progressing with the British government.

Brush Fire Is Under Control

Flames at Cultus Lake Near Chilliwack Did Little Damage

CHILLIWACK, Sept. 29: (CP)—After an all night fight, a brush fire at Cultus Lake, near here, was brought under control without doing extensive damage.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure is high over British Columbia and relatively low to the north of the Queen Charlotte Islands. Showers have occurred on the north coast. West Coast of Vancouver Island—Moderate northwest winds, shifting to southeast and becoming fresh. Increasing cloudiness and cool with showers.

NEUTRALS TORPEDOED

Scandinavian Vessels Reported Victim of Submarine Warfare

ANTWERP, September 29.—Torpedoing of a 3325-ton Swedish freighter in the North Sea is reported. The vessel was bound for Antwerp. All members of the crew are reported to have been rescued.

According to reports from Oslo three Norwegian freighters were sunk yesterday and today in the North Sea but no lives were lost. Survivors of two sinkings said they were torpedoed. A third is reported to have struck a mine. The Norwegian freighters were the Takstaas, Pern and Salaas.

Belgium Supply And Transport Units Called

BRUSSELS, September 29: (CP)—Additional Belgian supply and transport units are being called into service.

AIDING IN OLD LAND

Former Premier R. B. Bennett is Leading Canadians There in War Work

LONDON, Sept. 29: (CP)—A group of Canadians, meeting in London, appointed a committee of nine, under Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, to co-ordinate Red Cross efforts of Canadians resident in the United Kingdom.

Viscount and Lady Astor have offered their country houses for use as a Canadian hospital. Mr. Bennett told the meeting. He said that he had accepted the offer tentatively.

NAZIS TAKE OVER TODAY

Formal Surrender of Warsaw Gives Germany and Russia Complete Control of Poland

WARSAW, Sept. 29: (CP)—With the formal unconditional surrender of Warsaw today, the German official announcement of the capitulation being borne out by a Polish news agency dispatch indicating that further defence has been abandoned after the city had been shattered by twenty days of German siege, Reich and Soviet armies are now virtually in complete control of Poland.

Right to the end the Warsaw radio station continued its defiant emissions, finally becoming silent after telling a dramatic story of the city's valiant defence and ruin in the face of overwhelming odds. It is estimated that 36,000 Poles—16,000 soldiers and 20,000 civilians—lost their lives in the siege of Warsaw.

German Bombers Are Driven Off

Approached Scottish Coast Yesterday But Were Unable to Get Through

LONDON, Sept. 29: (CP)—The British Press Association, in a statement last night, announced that a squadron of German bombing planes had approached the eastern coast of Scotland but were met by British planes which drove them off before they could get through.

War News

ATTACK ON HELIGOLAND

LONDON—The Ministry of Information announces that the Royal Air Force attacked the German fleet at Heligoland and "some of the planes had not yet returned." The German high command said that German pursuit planes had shot down five of six British planes which attacked the warships.

TURCO-RUSS TREATY

LONDON—It is announced that Turkey has already arranged a new commercial treaty with Russia.

AUSTRALIA HELPING

LONDON—Reports from Australia say that two million pounds is to be invested by that country in factories for the manufacture of machine guns and other war materials. A ship-building program has also been arranged for the building of mine sweepers and other small craft.

ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS—Successful French military attacks on both west and east ends of the western front were claimed yesterday. A French communique said: "A local attack on the Moselle River developed favorably and we took prisoners." Today French advances reported a French advance down the eastern bank of the Moselle River which carried the French lines forward about 1500 yards.

REACTION FAVORABLE

LONDON—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is pleased with public reaction to his budget in spite of its severe taxes. There will be a campaign to ensure the utmost economy in government and to conserve funds to the greatest degree possible.

RACING AS USUAL

LONDON—The ban on horse racing, imposed at the start of the war, has been lifted. The great Cesarewitch Stakes will be run as usual on November 2, it is announced.

ARK ROYAL SAFE

LONDON—The British aircraft carrier Ark Royal, which German claims to have sunk or virtually disabled, is safe and sound at her usual base, the British Press Association announces. The vessel was never even touched.

LATVIA ALARMED

RIGA—Following the virtual absorption of Estonia by Russia, a state of emergency has been declared in Latvia and a special council of defence has been set up.

PLANES OVER HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM—Foreign planes passed over the frontiers of Holland yesterday heading both westward and eastward. They are reported to have been British, flying eastward to Germany and then homeward.

DARING COUP

LONDON—Announcement was made last night that a Royal Air Force flying boat which landed in Iceland after it became lost on a patrol flight around the Faroe Islands, being interned with its crew of nine, was back in England. The fliers made their escape from internment, repossessing themselves of the plane and immediately taking off for home.

BULGARIA AND RUSSIAN PACT

SOFIA, Bulgaria—The Premier of Bulgaria will leave Sofia on Saturday for Moscow to sign a new trade agreement between Bulgaria and Russia, negotia-

TO DEBATE NEUTRALITY ON MONDAY

New Bill To Be Introduced In Upper House Then Following Approval By Foreign Relations Committee

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 29:—The amended neutrality act for the United States, providing for the repeal of the embargo clause and the substitution of a modified cash and carry plan for the supply of war materials, to belligerents, will go before the Senate on Monday for first reading and debate following its adoption by the foreign relations committee yesterday. The vote of the foreign relations committee in favor of the amended bill was 16 to 11. Five senators who voted against a change the last time the question came up switched to support the administration on this occasion.

Congressional observers concede that the bill is assured of passage by both houses of Congress although there will be bitter opposition by certain Senate isolationists.

It is stated here that there is nothing in the new neutrality bill which would prevent Great Britain and France getting credit from the United States on goods supplied to them although they were technically indebted for supplies for the last war.

SEARCH FOR DEATH WEAPON GOING ON

Vancouver Police Seeking Axe or Hammer With Which Old Man Was Done to Death

VANCOUVER, Sept. 29: (CP)—Vancouver police have intensified the search for the weapon used in the slaying of George Gray, aged 73, whose body was found lying on the kitchen floor of his home in Grandview Wednesday, his head battered by an axe, hammer or similar tool.

SUBMARINES DRIVEN OFF

Menace of U-Boats Is Becoming Less in Waters Close To British Coast

LONDON, September 29: (CP)—German submarines are said in an authoritative statement to have been driven from the thickly dotted steamship routes around the British coast.

"In less than a month they have found the pace too hot and have retreated from the much used shipping channels," the statement said. They have now been forced to operate further in the open sea where the catch is bound to be much smaller.

German submarines are being sunk far faster than they can be built, it is declared.

Twenty have been disposed of since the war began, the Admiralty claims.

C.I.O. IS SUSPENDED

Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, in Annual Convention, Confirms Executive Action

LONDON, Ontario, Sept. 29: (CP)—The action of the executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in suspending Congress on Industrial Organization units was upheld by the fifty-fifth convention here yesterday by a vote of 239 to 97.

Victoria Ready For Air Raids

VICTORIA, September 29: (CP)—The civilian defence committee of Victoria is considering arrangements for the sounding of warning sirens should the city ever be threatened with air raids. The possibilities of arranging for "black-outs" are also being discussed.

tion of which was carried out this week during the visit of the Bulgarian finance minister to Moscow. Establishment of a new Moscow-Sofia air line is provided for under the agreement.

POLES IN LONDON

LONDON—Nine Polish airmen who have arrived in London are being sent to France where they will probably join the Polish unit being raised there.

FRANCE ALSO ADAMANT

Paris—In connection with the attempt being made to blame Great Britain for refusal of the peace proposals made by Italy, it is officially stated here that France was equally responsible for refusing to make any peace with Hitler.

HELPING GREECE

LONDON—Owing to the war Greece is suffering from food shortage which is being relieved by Britain.

RECOGNIZE POLAND

TOKYO—It is announced here that Japan will continue to recognize the government of Poland.

Soviet Pledges Economic Aid To Reich and Will Consult On "Measures" If War Continues

Veiled Threat of Military Aid Meets With Scornful Reception in Britain—Attempt to Frighten Allies Into Unworthy Peace Seen

LONDON, September 29: (CP)—Russia's new pact of friendship with Germany, which was signed today at Moscow as the culmination of lengthy conferences during the last few days between Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop of Germany and Dictator Joseph Stalin, Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotov and other officials of both nations, was coldly received in London and it was the general belief that France and Great Britain would spurn the Soviet's "veiled threat" to enter the war unless the Allies agree to German peace terms. A high diplomatic source described the accord as a desperate attempt either to drive a wedge between Great Britain and France or frighten them out of their expressed determination to fight Hitlerism to the end.

The British and French are reported to be consulting over implications of the pact. It is stated that they see no change in the situation which would cause them to change their war policy.

The British cabinet examined the pact and Premier Neville Chamberlain will make an official statement in regard to it on Monday.

The new trade pact is not alarming, a diplomatic source said, as Russia will be unable to export any large amount of supplies on account of her own needs.

The government was believed to be in the dark as to whether a military pact was implied in a clause of the accord calling for "appropriate action" in the event of the Allies carrying on battle against Hitlerism. A military pact between Russia and Germany, it was observed by some, would hardly appear to be consistent with a statement made yesterday by Soviet Ambassador Ivan Maisky, at a meeting with Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax that Russia was ready to consider a war trade agreement with Great Britain.

NEW LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Great Line-up Is Suggested Taking In Practically All of Europe

COPENHAGEN, September 29:—News leaked out of Moscow last night of a plan for creation of a new League of Nations under the leadership of Russia and Germany which would embrace all of Eastern Europe, a good portion of the west, Mediterranean countries and possibly extend to the Far East. It would be instrumental in imposing a totalitarian peace upon Europe.

Included in the League would be such countries as Russia, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, Greece, Roumania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia. All nations outside the League would be considered as being against it. England and France would be regarded as border states.

There is no suggestion that all the nations whose names are used have been consulted.

GERMANS LOSE OUT

Are Proving No Match For French In Aerial Combat Over Western Front

PARIS, September 29: (CP)—The Germans are losing an average of three planes per day in fighting over the western front, French sources claim. The French air fighters are continually demonstrating their superiority, it is said, despite being often outnumbered. Further, the aerial conflict is being kept almost entirely deep in German territory.

In two days of dog fighting, the Germans lost eight planes while the French lost four.

Allied planes have been penetrating into Germany as far as Silesia.

Provisions of Treaty

In the new friendship treaty between Germany and Russia the Soviet promises economic support in the war and, at the same time, commits herself in consultation on "joint" measures with Germany unless Great Britain and France agree to peace. Observers made reference to the measures as implying the threat of possible military aid for Germany.

Highlights of the agreement are: First, establishing of a mutual frontier through Poland with the allowance still existing for the creation of a small Polish protectorate. Second, warning to third powers not to interfere with the new boundaries. Third, agreement to strive for peace. Fourth, agreement to fully develop economic relations.

The agreement was signed at 6:40 this morning. Now that the closer understanding with Russia has been reached, Baron von Ribbentrop is expected to leave today or tomorrow on his return to Berlin. For a clue as to the developments of the immediate future in Europe, diplomats have been watching Moscow where foreign ministers of Germany, Turkey, Bulgaria and Estonia have been conferring with the Soviet government. Although the new pact is still not entirely clear as to the part Russia may play in European affairs, Moscow speculation mentions the possibility of a Soviet-German military pact and the formation of a new Balkan bloc with Turkey participating.

Claiming that the war with Po-

New Regulations Do Not Affect Local Fisheries

At the Prince Rupert Rotary Club luncheon yesterday it was made clear that the new exchange regulations did not in any way affect the business of the selling of American fish at the port of Prince Rupert but that the American fishermen could sell their fish and be paid in American funds just as usual. R. G. Hopkins and R. M. Winslow spoke briefly in regard to the regulations.

Still Seeking Missing Boats

Fourteen Pleasure Vessels Still Unaccounted For Following Storm On California Coast

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 29: (CP)—Naval and coastguard vessels are continuing the search for fourteen pleasure boats still missing off the southern California coast following Sunday's sudden storm.