

WAR APPEARS TO BE NEAR

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Weather Forecast.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh winds, mostly southwest, cool with occasional rain, clearing at night.

Tomorrow

High 11:36 a.m.
23:25 p.m.
Low 5:21 a.m.
17:29 p.m. 8.3

President Roosevelt Makes Direct Appeal To Germany And Poland To Keep Peace

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 25: (CP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt last night addressed appeals for peace direct to Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany and President Ignace Moscicki of Poland. The President suggested three methods of avoiding war:

HONG KONG LOOKS BAD

Danger of Attack by Japanese is Seen—British Women and Children advised to Leave

HONG KONG, August 25.—Were it not for the intense gravity of the international situation in Europe, the condition of affairs around Hong Kong would be regarded as highly serious. As it is, the situation here, for the moment at least, is of secondary importance.

British authorities at Hong Kong have begun preparations for any eventuality owing to the menacing movement of Japanese troops in South China. All British women and children have been advised to leave Hong Kong.

Special precautions are being taken to protect shipping and property here from attack which would appear to be increasingly imminent.

HIS PILOT REAL VET

Walter Gilbert is Glad To Be Back In Air Again

AT POUCE COUPE
POUCE COUPE, Aug. 25: (CP) Premier T. D. Pattullo, having arrived at Fort St. John by plane yesterday from Prince Rupert, is visiting Peace River constituency today.

Pilot of the plane of Premier T. D. Pattullo on his Arctic flight, a new de Havilland Rapide twin-motored seaplane of long and racy design and a speedy ship, is Walter E. Gilbert, veteran northern flier, who has had long experience flying in the particular part of the northland which Mr. Pattullo will traverse. Mr. Gilbert is now western manager of Canadian Airways with headquarters at Vancouver and has not been actively flying recently. However, he appeared to be very glad about getting back into the air once more. "I am never happy sitting in an office," remarked Mr. Gilbert who was looking forward to flying again over the north country he knows so well. He is no stranger to Prince Rupert, having been engaged a few years ago in commercial flying around here. It was he who made extensive reconnaissance flights of the Skeena River Highway route a few years ago with W. K. Gwyer, then district engineer for the public works department.

Other members of Mr. Pattullo's flying party are his secretary, B. N. Hethley; James G. Dyer, Vancouver Sun newspaperman, and A. Del Rizzo, air engineer.

The extensive itinerary of the flight will include stops at Hudson's Hope, Pouce Coupe, Fort Nelson, Fort Simpson, Fort Norman, Aklayik, Herschel Island, Fort Yukon, Fairbanks, Tanana, Dawson, Whitehorse, Liard Post, Francis Lake, Finlay Forks, Prince George, Williams Lake and Vancouver.

The Premier said that, should any untoward event occur in Europe, he would return to Victoria at once. However, he hoped the trip would not be interrupted.

Chancellor Confers With Envoys Of Great Britain, France, Italy And Japan Prior To Break-off

CUTTING OFF OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH NEW YORK, LONDON, DANZIG, PARIS, BRUSSELS, COPENHAGEN AND ZURICH PORTENDS EVENTS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE BEING UNDER WAY

ALL COMMERCIAL VESSELS OF REICH ORDERED TO REMAIN IN GERMAN HARBORS OR RETURN HOME AT ONCE—DER FEUHRER DETERMINED TO "PROTECT" GERMANS IN POLAND

BERLIN, August 25: (CP)—Formal communications with New York, London, Danzig, Paris, Brussels, Copenhagen, Zurich and presumably with other foreign centres were cut off early tonight, indicating that events of first magnitude in Germany were under way. The fact that Chancellor Hitler this afternoon successively received British, French, Italian and Japanese ambassadors indicated that he had told them he would act. Soon thereafter the communication lines ceased to operate. It was also announced officially that all German commercial vessels must remain in German harbors or return to Germany at once. Der Fuehrer was reliably reported to have told foreign ambassadors here tonight that his determination to "protect Germans in Poland" was firm and that the slightest new incident might bring war. The general impression in informed quarters was that Hitler's meeting at the Chancellery late today with the British, French, Italian and Japanese ambassadors left little ground for optimism. Despite this an indication was given in authoritative Nazi quarters that efforts had been made on the German side toward some type of conference designed to settle Poland's fate in the manner the Reich insists it must be settled. German newspaper correspondents at Paris have been ordered home.

FIRES ON RAMPAGE

Situation In Forests Around Kamloops And Nelson Is Still Serious

KAMLOOPS, August 25: (CP) —With hot and extremely dry weather continuing, smoke from large and serious forest fires still blankets the Kamloops district. Four hundred men are continuing the fight against the flames. The most serious fires are in the vicinity of Shuswap Lake east of Kamloops.

In the Nelson district, which has also been without rain for weeks, large outbreaks of fire are being fought. There are four major fires which hundreds of men are engaged in fighting. There is also a serious forest fire situation in Northern Alberta.

No Trace Found Of Missing Pair

Police Continue Search Without Success For Carl Brentzen and Mrs. John Brentzen

Provincial police officers were out again yesterday with the police boat P.M.L. 8 searching in the neighborhood of Jap Point for trace of Carl Brentzen and Mrs. John Brentzen, missing from a gillnet boat which was found on Sunday afternoon with engine running but no one on board. The beach has been scoured in that neighborhood but yielded no trace. It is considered possible that either one or the other of the missing persons might have fallen overboard and the other was lost endeavouring to effect a rescue. This, of course, is only a theory.

Newspaper At Sitka Starts

SITKA, August 25.—Dan Graham arrived in Sitka today from Coos Bay to start a bi-weekly newspaper here. It will be known as the Sitka Sentinel. Mr. Graham is accompanied by his wife.

TALK OF PEACE IS HEARD AT FIRST BUT SOON GAVE WAY TO WAR LIKELIHOOD

Sir Neville Henderson Flying to London to Report to Foreign Secretary Halifax—Germany Reports Poles on Offensive Against Reich

BERLIN, August 25: (CP)—Talk of a new peace offer spread like wildfire through Berlin this afternoon after Chancellor Adolf Hitler had seen a number of foreign diplomats. Hitler was closeted for half an hour with Sir Neville Henderson, British ambassador. Later he received the ambassadors of France, Italy and Japan. The nature of the talks was not disclosed.

It was later revealed that the British ambassador would be flying home to London tomorrow to report to Foreign Secretary Halifax on his talk today with Der Fuehrer. Soon came indications that it was more likely to be peace than war.

Meanwhile a German news agency reported tonight that a Polish destroyer in the Bay of Danzig outside of Polish territorial waters had fired on a German seaplane. The news agency also reported that Polish anti-aircraft batteries had fired on a transport plane carrying Dr. Wilhelm Stuchart, Secretary of State for political affairs in the Reich interior ministry. The agency further reported that Polish divisions were massing on the frontier of East Prussia and the eastern provinces of the Reich.

President's Mother Flees From Paris

PARIS, August 25.—Mrs. James Roosevelt, eighty-four year old mother of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was among American citizens leaving Paris yesterday for home. Speaking of the international situation, Mrs. Roosevelt said "conditions are very dangerous."

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Foote and daughter, Irene, of Biggar Place and Miss M. Sharp arrived home last night on the Prince Charles from Queen Charlotte Islands where they have been holidaying.

TEACHERS APPOINTED

Several Schools In This Inspectorate To Have New Pedagogues

Dr. Hugh M. Morrison, school inspector, who returned here Tuesday night on the Catala from a trip to Stewart, will be leaving Saturday evening on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver to take up residence. Alex Turnbull, Dr. Morrison's successor, prominent New Westminster teacher and returned on, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning to assume his duties. He is accompanied by Mrs. Turnbull.

Dr. Morrison announces that five schools in this inspectorate are being closed as from the commencement of the next term. They are Haysport, Anyox, Sandspit, Coast Logging (Margaret Bay) and Remo.

New teaching appointments in rural schools of the inspectorate include the following: Lakelse Lake, Miss Elsie Lamb of Lynn Valley; Digby Island, Miss Mary Mathers from Skidegate; Skidegate, Miss R. M. Channon from Digby Island; Port Simpson, Stephen A. Cheesman from Haysport; Noosatsum (Bella Coola Valley), Miss Jean Cochrane of Ocean Falls.

Teaching appointments for Claxton and Sunnyside have yet to be made.

Halibut Sales

Summary
American—7,000 pounds, 8c and 6c.
Canadian—85,500 pounds, 7c and 5c to 7.3c and 5c.
American
Visitor, 7,000, Cold Storage, 8c and 6c.
Canadian
Alken, 11,000, Booth, 7.3c and 5c; Southend, 16,000, Cold Storage, 7.3c and 5c.
Teenie Millie, 9,500, Pacific, 7.1c and 5c.
Dovre B., 27,000, Cold Storage, 7c and 5c.
Clipper II, 22,000, Atlin, 7.3c and 5c.

Alleges Attempt At Sabotage Of Dies Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C., Congressman Martin Dies of Texas, chairman of the special congressional committee on un-American activities, charges that efforts are being made to sabotage hearings of the committee.

WAR NEWS

CANADA CANCELS LEAVES
OTTAWA—Leaves to all members of the Canadian forces have been cancelled. The order affects 4,000 men of the permanent militia, three thousand in the regular air force and 2,000 in naval services.

BRITISH-POLISH PACT
LONDON—Formal agreement of mutual assistance between Great Britain and Poland was signed at the Foreign Office late today by Foreign Secretary Halifax and Ambassador Raczynski.

BRITISH COALITION
LONDON—War would bring a national government of all parties, it was learned in authoritative circles tonight. The plan at present under consideration would involve Winston Churchill, Anthony Eden, Clement Attlee and Sir Archibald Sinclair entering the government.

FRANCE CUTS BRIDGES
BASLE, Switzerland — The French tonight cut the pontoon bridges across the Rhine between France and Germany north of this Swiss border city.

HAVE NOT INVADED
BERLIN—All German commercial aviation was ordered suspended today. It was denied that German troops had entered Polish Silesia.

JAP FORCE INCREASED

More Troops Being Moved Towards Shanghai International Settlement

SHANGHAI, August 25.—The Japanese are reported to have moved additional troops, along with tanks and other mechanized equipment, into an area along the International Settlement border where a British policeman killed two and wounded six of the puppet government's policemen with a sub-machine gun Saturday after being shot in the back.

NEW POLICY FOR JAPAN

Premier Expected to Resign Owing to International Developments

TOKYO, Aug. 24.—In view of recent reverses in foreign policy, the resignation of the Premier of Japan is expected momentarily. The latest developments in international affairs are expected to lead Japan to a policy of "splendid isolation." Emperor Hirohito has returned hurriedly from a vacation to consult with his ministry.

HALIFAX, Aug. 25: (CP)—Nova Scotia's Department of Agriculture advised farmers of the province to use lime on their land after a series of tests showed that land on many farms was "sour." Soil on 90 farms tested in a dairy district was 100 per cent "sour," officials said.