

## Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh southeast to south winds, becoming strong unsettled and mild with rain.

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## Tomorrow's Tides

High ..... 5:30 a.m. 17.9 ft.  
17:15 p.m. 18.5 p.m.  
Low ..... 11:19 a.m. 8.9 ft.

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## MOBILIZING CANADA IS WELL AWAY

Arms of Service Are Functioning Smoothly For War—All Shipyards Soon To Be Busy

OTTAWA, Nov. 2: (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, speaking Tuesday night, told of the mobilization of Canada's services which were now all performing their duties in national defence and in preparation for service abroad.

Naval forces were fully armed with defence and combat equipment and were co-operating in the protection of Newfoundland and the West Indies. They were carrying out convoy service. Defence of the Pacific Coast was a Canadian responsibility in this war. In the first Great War Japan and Russia were allies and had protected the west coast.

The Air Force had taken up war positions and was carrying on national defence and reconnaissance activities. Mission were now in Canada from Great Britain and the Dominions of Australia and New Zealand in connection with the Imperial advanced aerial training program which would involve millions of dollars and thousands of young men.

Final victory may be shaped on Canadian soil, remarked the Prime Minister in commenting upon this training program.

In connection with war effort, the Premier said, the Dominion government was in constant touch with the British government.

We are determined to avoid unnecessary sacrifice of man power," asserted the Premier. "Our effort will not be spectacular but we are determined to make it effective."

Turning to the economic phase of the war effort, the Premier referred to its tremendous importance. In wartime it became necessary to make it effective.

Various matters of city business were taken up in Victoria by City Commissioner W. J. Alder who returned yesterday from a two weeks' trip to the capital. One of these matters included the possibility of having payment made by the government at an early date of a balance of \$40,000 still due the city on local improvement taxes. Premier T. D. Pattullo explained that commitments for the present year had already been made up but extended hope that provision might be made for the payment next year. Already during the past year \$40,000 on this claim has been paid by the government.

Mr. Alder also attended the annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities which organization is faced by the usual problems and perplexities as well as a new one in the way of the adverse exchange in the United States which is seriously affecting some municipalities in the way of making payments on their financial undertakings.

Mr. Alder had no comment to make for publication in regard to the future status of city administration now that he has resigned as commissioner effective at the end of this year.

General Synopsis—The pressure continues low northwest of the Queen Charlotte Islands and unsettled weather has been general on the coast.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Fresh to strong southeast winds, unsettled and mild with rain.

## War News

**NETHERLANDS ALARMED**  
THE HAGUE—State of siege has been declared in a wide area of Holland as German mechanized forces concentrate on the frontier. Lowlands are being flooded as a means of preventing invasion.

**TANKER IS SCUTTLED**  
LONDON—An Admiralty spokesman said today that the large German tanker Emmy Friedrich, carrying 40,000 barrels of Mexican oil, had been scuttled by its crew in the Caribbean Sea to avoid capture by a British cruiser.

**MURDERS EXECUTED**  
BUCHAREST—According to reports reaching here three German soldiers have been executed for the murder of General von Fritsch, former German soldier, deposed by Adolf Hitler, who originally was reported to have been killed in action near Warsaw six weeks ago.

## MANION IS CRITICAL

Leader of Opposition Charges Government With Patronage and Favoritism in War Effort

OTTAWA, Nov. 2: (CP)—Political patronage and favoritism continue in the King government's administration of the Canadian war effort, Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, Conservative leader, charged in a statement. He said he must protest "strongly" against it.

The primary purpose of his statement, however, Dr. Manion said, was to correct the popular impression that the Conservative Opposition in Parliament was consulted from time to time by the government. This was not the case and Dr. Manion held that the government was probably following the best course by keeping full control of the war program and leaving the Opposition free to criticize.

Dr. Manion said the government must assume the responsibility for a "very regrettable lack of military preparations which had been apparent to all observers since the declaration of war."

The Leader of the Opposition suggested the calling of Parliament early in January.

## SIX SHIPS SHOT DOWN

So Claim Germans—"Positive Initiative by Reich is Anticipated"

BERLIN, Nov. 2.—A supreme army command communiqué raised to six the number of planes claimed shot down by Germans on Monday. Four of the six are claimed to be British. Although unconfirmed, the general impression has developed in diplomatic quarters that Germany is now ready for some "positive initiative" in war.

## Collison Trying Halibut Vessels

Cases Involving Alleged Infraction Of International Regulations Proceeding

Justice of the Peace W. E. Collison is now hearing the cases of a number of local halibut boats which are charged with infraction of the International Fisheries Commission regulations. Yesterday the Atli, Capt. William Bussey, was convicted of fishing in Area No. 2 on an Area No. 3 licence and was fined \$100. The case of the R. W. Capt. Roy Wick, similarly charged, is being tried today.

## COULMORE ALL SAFE FROM SUB

British Freighter Said To Have Eluded Submarine—Incident Caused Stir and Widespread Search

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 2: (CP)—The United States coast-guard received word today that the British freighter Coulmore, which had reported herself in an "S. O. S." message Tuesday night as being under attack of a submarine three hundred miles north of Bermuda, was safe. Word to this effect was received from the coast-guard cutter Bibb and the Canadian radio station at Camperdown, Nova Scotia, which said it had heard directly from the Coulmore that she was safe. The search for the vessel has, accordingly, been suspended.

Today's announcements of the safety of the Coulmore came many hours after the London Daily Telegraph last night published a dispatch that the vessel had eluded the submarine which had attacked her, supposedly in the self-declared United States neutrality zone under the Pan-American agreement.

For more than a day after the original "S. O. S." message the fate of the Coulmore was a mystery, and grave misgivings were held that the 6070-ton freighter might have been sent to the bottom with her crew of thirty-four besides the captain, Ernest Davies, and his wife. United States coastguard and naval vessels and aircraft took part in the search which was conducted under stormy weather conditions on the ocean. For a time hopes had dimmed to such a point that it was feared the vessel and all on board had perished.

It is likely that an investigation will continue to definitely ascertain whether or not the supposed attack did take place within the neutrality zone. Some reports were that it was 100 miles within the zone. The American nations had ruled that foreign submarines should not be there except in case of emergency. If there was found to have been a submarine, a protest would probably be made to the belligerent nation owning it. The possibility is not overlooked of the whole thing being a hoax or a misunderstanding.

## COOLS OFF TO GERMANY

Significant Statement in Regard to War Made By Spain

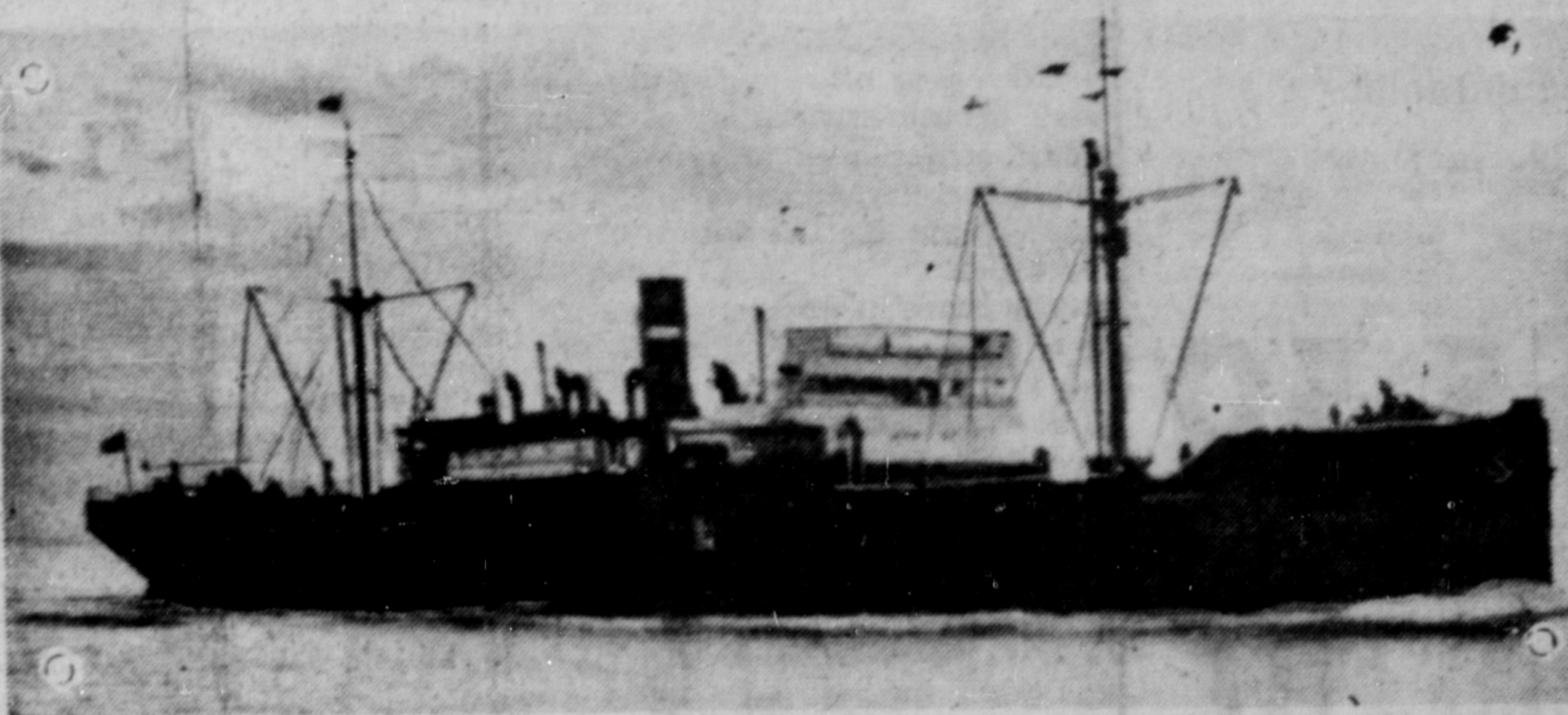
MADRID, Nov. 1.—Spain will not have anything to do with any policy compromising the "fruits of a victorious struggle for defence of Christianity," according to Minister of the Interior Ramon Suner. The minister's speech is regarded by some observers as indicating that Spain had cooled to Germany since the German-Soviet pact.

## AGREEMENT FOR TRADE

Germany Hopes To Obtain Goods From Soviet To Assist In Prosecution Of War

BERLIN, November 2: (CP)—Great activity at Soviet Russian trade quarters was seen here today as evidence of Nazi-Communist economic co-operation whereby Germany hopes to get raw materials needed for the war. The German trade delegation to Moscow suddenly returned to Germany yesterday and this led to the report that difficulties had been encountered in the matter of arranging commercial orders from the Soviet. However, this was denied in Nazi quarters which declared that successful arrangements had been made.

## RUNNING BRITISH BLOCKADE



S.S. CITY OF FLINT

BERGEN, November 2: (CP)—The American freighter City of Flint, in charge of a Nazi prize crew, passed Maaloy, 110 miles north of here, early today enroute to Germany. The vessel, on her voyage from Murmansk, Russia, is now working her way through the British blockade as she heads for the Skagerrack. Fears are felt in American quarters for her safety in the event of a clash with British war vessels or the striking of a mine. The American crew is still aboard, being virtually held prisoners.

## United Determination Of All Parts Of Empire; Chamberlain Sees Molotoff "Fancy Flight"

LONDON, November 2: (CP)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that conferences in London of Dominion cabinet ministers were a striking demonstration of the united determination of the Empire.

The weekly war report of the Prime Minister dismissed the speech of Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotoff of Russia by saying it "occasioned some disappointment" in Berlin and refusing "to disturb myself over flights of fancy which Molotoff indulged in when he described the aims of the Allies."

Mr. Chamberlain said that British expeditionary forces were strengthening defences on their sector of the front.

Despite the loss of merchantmen, nothing had occurred to shake British confidence in the ability to overcome the submarine menace, Chamberlain said.

## STRANDED IN NORTH

Mother and Seventeen-Day-Old Child Huddled in Plane

ANCHORAGE, Nov. 2.—A mother and her seventeen-day-old baby are huddled in an airplane grounded by a snowstorm on a frozen lake in the Alaska wilderness awaiting rescue for two days and nights. Deep snows have turned back a dog team attempting to rescue them. An airplane dropped supplies. Pilot Jimmy Dodson and another passenger are also marooned.

## WINNER OF BIG RACE

Cantatrice II First In Cesarewitch With Cheerful Star Second, Blue Speck, Third

NEWMARKET, Nov. 2: (CP)—Sir Alfred Butt's Cantatrice II, filly by Fiterari-Queen Iselt, won the Cesarewitch Stakes today, defeating F. Haslam's Cheerful Star by four lengths. James Rank's Black Speck was third a length back.

## Prince Rupert's Red Cross War Effort Gets Under Way; Work Starts; Drive Is Coming

Prince Rupert's Red Cross efforts to assist in the successful prosecution of the war are now getting under way. The work committee, of which Mrs. J. B. Gibson, who was one of the active leaders in Red Cross work in the Great War, is chairman, has sent in its requisition for materials and soon local women will be at work making such supplies as pneumonia jackets, hospital bed gowns, bandages, binders, bed pads, pillow cases and pajamas.

Yesterday afternoon the campaign committee, of which Arnold Flaten is chairman with Dr. H. L. A. Tarr as secretary, had its initial meeting and launched arrangements for a city-wide campaign for funds during National Red Cross Week from November 13 to 18. The aim is to have every possible person in Prince Rupert become a member of the Red Cross by paying the fee of \$1 and to obtain special donations of larger proportions from persons who can afford to give and feel their patriotic duty to do so at this time. The city is being organized into districts for the campaign and teams will conduct the canvass. There will also be a tag day November 18. In connection with the campaign, various media of publicity will be used. The idea is, of course, to carry on the Red Cross activities intensively and steadily throughout the war and various means of raising funds will be explored. Already some local organizations have started doing their bit by holding various kinds of social affairs for the Red Cross cause. The expectation is that many more will follow suit, some sinking their normal peacetime functions for this purpose. The campaign committee will hold another meeting on Thursday afternoon of next week to receive final reports from sub-committees before the drive commences.

C. McNab, who is in the service of the Canadian National Railways here, will sail tonight on the Prince Rupert for a trip to Vancouver.

## Bulletins

### FINLAND AND RUSSIA

HELSINKI—The Finnish foreign minister said that Finland was prepared to make settlement along far-reaching lines with Soviet Russia but would not accept any terms which would remove her independence or her chances of self defence.

### WITHDRAW FROM LEAGUE

LONDON—Russia may shortly withdraw completely from the League of Nations, it is reported. Great Britain and France would call off the forthcoming League council session to avoid possible embarrassment through Poland holding a permanent seat.

### MCGILL PRESIDENT

MONTREAL—Frank Cyril James, 36, London-born, has been appointed principal of McGill University.

### HEPBURN FOR WATERWAYS

TORONTO—Premier M. F. Hepburn announces the ending of his long opposition to the St. Lawrence Waterways project.

### FLIERS SAFE

NEW YORK—The Peruvian fliers—Galenos brothers—saying a flight from New York to Lima, are safe on an Ecuadorian island 800 miles from their destination. After their plane is repaired, they intend to proceed.

### FORGET AMBITIONS

VICTORIA—R. L. Maitland K. C., leader of the Conservative party for British Columbia, told the annual convention of the British Columbia Conservative Association here that the party would have to forget its ambitions for the time being and co-operate with the Dominion and provincial government in war efforts. Mayor T. A. Love of Grand Forks was elected president.

### POPE SPEAKS AGAIN

VATICAN CITY—Speaking at the consecration of three bishops, the Pope praised the nations where morality and justice still prevail and where tyranny is unknown.

### Is More Than Coincidence

White House Suggests Molotoff Speech Was Timed To Influence United States

WASHINGTON, November 2:—Stephen Early, secretary to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, said it was more than a "coincidence" that Premier-Foreign Secretary Molotoff of Russia criticized President Roosevelt at a time when an important vote was scheduled here in the House of Representatives on neutrality legislation. Molotoff had said on Tuesday that the President mixed in Soviet-Finnish negotiations in contradiction of United States neutrality policy.

## WEAK SPOTS LOOKED FOR BY GERMANS

Continue Artillery Bombardment and Infantry Thrusts Against Maginot Line

PARIS, Nov. 2: (CP)—Evidently looking for weak spots in the French defence lines, German forces continue their attacks. Two French villages have been subjected to attack by enemy infantry companies while German heavy artillery continues pounding French positions on the western front.

Military reports disclose that the town of Forbach was shelled yesterday and occupied for a short time by the Germans with pillage later regaining possession. Forbach is believed to have been the town which was mentioned by the French as having been attacked unsuccessfully Tuesday by a thousand German raiders. Dispatches said the damage to the town was slight.

Despite artillery activity and extensive raids and patrols in the Saar region, the war ministry noted a general lull in operations. Military commentators predict a winter-long waiting war, saying that Hitler had, apparently, decided to postpone a general offensive until spring. At least there are no signs yet of a large drive starting.

An official communique early today said that "night was generally quiet." Two villages had been subjected to attack by enemy companies which the French had been successful in driving back. A few French were taken prisoners and the Germans lost a number of men.

Military sources had reported yesterday that the French had fought off a German force of a thousand men trying to encircle a French frontier village on the northern flank of the western front. The identity of the threatened village was at that time undisclosed. The Germans were said to have attacked along an area extending west of Saar Louis to the Blies River valley east of Saarbrücken. The French said they took six prisoners at that time.

## AUSTRALIA ASSISTANCE

Will Concentrate Meantime on Helping Empire by Improving Its Own Defences

CANBERRA, Australia, Nov. 2: (CP)—Premier Menzies feels that the best way Australia can help the Empire in the war for the time being at least is by strengthening her own defences, particularly in the air. The Commonwealth air force will be materially bolstered up and many young men will be given preliminary training before being sent to Canada for advanced training. An air force will, however, be sent to England for reconnaissance and other duty.

## MOLOTOFF REACTION

Great Britain Alarmed For Poland But Relieved At Other Aspects Of Speech

LONDON, Nov. 2.—While somewhat alarmed at the threat against Poland, officialdom of Great Britain expressed relief that the speech of Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotoff before the Soviet Grand Council at Moscow Tuesday had given assurance that the Soviet would accord no military aid to Germany and that no territorial demands had been made upon Roumania.

It was agreed, however, that nothing Molotoff had said would affect the Allies' determination to crush Hitlerism.

The Daily Express expressed gratification that Russia had decided to look after itself and give no direct assistance to Germany.

Any economic assistance that Russia may be able to accord to Germany has always been discounted here.