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# French Army Has Penetrated German Territory On The West

## Poles Prepare To Defend Capital

German Columns Expected At Gates Of Warsaw Momentarily.

### BULLETIN

WARSAW, Sept. 6—(AP)—A battle for Warsaw raged 30 miles north of here today, couriers reported, with the "Poles fighting like lions" and holding back the invaders despite repeated tank-led German thrusts. (By Lloyd Lehrbas, Associated Press Staff Writer)

WARSAW, Sept. 6—(AP)—The defenders of Warsaw were preparing tonight to resist the German columns which many thought might reach the gates of the capital within a few hours.

(Budapest reported the Polish radio interrupted a musical program, in an appeal to all Warsaw citizens to report to the nearest police station armed with spades to dig trenches around the capital.)

Defence lines were being drawn outside the city's limits and the Poles were expected to put up their bitterest fight for their capital.

The civilian government had moved away, (to Lublin, 70 miles to the southeast, according to diplomatic reports to Budapest and Stockholm). Gone also were the foreign

(By Melvin K. Whiteleather, Associated Press Staff Writer) BERLIN, Sept. 6—(AP)—Germany's motorized troops were reported rolling over Polish roads tonight at such speed that German observers claimed Lublin, present seat of the Polish Government, might be under German artillery fire tomorrow.

They said the advance, which today sped through the ancient city of Krakow without resistance, was ahead of a previously prepared schedule. Tonight the Germans were reported 18 miles east of Krakow, the "heart of Poland."

Meanwhile, German sources continued to assert no action whatsoever was reported on the French frontier.

embassies and legations and scores of thousands of civilians, including nearly all foreigners.

The most immediately menacing of all Germany's invading columns was moving down from the northwest, but reliable indications during the morning were that at that time it had not reached the River Bug, 25 miles from the city.

A Polish communique said: "The enemy now has reached a line between Chiechanow and Pionsk. (Pionsk is about 35 miles from Warsaw.)

"There is no change on the east Prussian front.

"On the southwest front our army is holding back overwhelming numbers of the enemy.

"On the Warta-Szczeczerow-Kamienek line sharp fighting is in progress with heavy losses on both sides. (Kamienek is less than 100 miles away.)

"On the north front motorized units of the enemy reached a point near Pionsk."

"These motorized units were thus placed within 35 miles of Warsaw."

"The Polish communique made no mention of the status of Krakow, sometimes called "Poland's heart" by the Poles, nor of Kielce, an important city about 115 miles to the south of Warsaw. The capture of both these cities was claimed by the Germans."

Warsaw's outskirts shook again during the morning under exploding bombs of German planes. The attack was concentrated on the vicinity of the airport. Considerable

## Coming Events

- Talkies—Canoe Cove Friday, L-936-9-6-21.
- Talkies—Crapaud Thursday, L-936-9-6-21.
- Dance in Iona Hall Thursday night, L-933-9-6-21.
- Borden Dance tonight, O. K. Presby's Orchestra, L-52-6-22-Thurfit
- Dance, Fortune Hall, Friday, September 8th, Burke's Orchestra, Clifford Peters, pianist, L-660-9-6-21.
- Dance at Kozzy Corner, Vernon Friday, Sept. 8th, Good orchestra, L-711-9-7-21.
- Reserve Saturday, September 16th for Parkale Women's Institute Cake Sale at Holmans, L-961-9-7-11.
- Entries will be received for a Fiddlers and Step Dancing Contest date announced later. Send entries to D. D. Birt, Mount Stewart, L-708-9-7-31.
- The Annual Rally of the Presbyterian Young Peoples Union which was to be held at Belfast is postponed indefinitely. Reginald MacLean, Pres., L-670-9-6-31.
- On evening of Saturday, Sept. 9, Rev. Ben H. Spence, Toronto, temperance lecturer, will address meeting in Public Hall, Fredericton. All are invited, L-717.

## EMERGENCY SESSION TO OPEN TODAY

Peace Time Color To Be Absent At Ceremonies—Speculation Rife.

OTTAWA, Sept. 6—(CP)—Canada's parliament will open tomorrow for the second war emergency session to be held in the dominion since confederation.

In sombre surroundings and with the traditional formalities shorn of all the color and glitter customary in peace time, Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada, will open the special session at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Members have been gathering here for several days, and there is likely to be a full attendance. On all sides, where the arriving members, foregather, speculation is rife as to the policy to be enunciated for their approval by Prime Minister MacKenzie King.

Details of the government's plan for "effective cooperation" to Great Britain which the Prime Minister has stated will be recommended to the house, will not be known until Mr. MacKenzie King speaks Friday.

A short session is anticipated. The 1914 war emergency session lasted only from Aug. 18 to Aug. 22. But then there were only the two old parties, Liberal and Conservative, in the House of Commons.

At the present time there are two

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## ANOTHER NAZI CRAFT SUNK

LONDON, Sept. 6—(AP)—A new German merchantman was added today to the list of craft sunk by the British navy. Meanwhile 125 passengers of the British liner Athenia still were officially unaccounted for.

The North German-Lloyd liner motorship Inn which sailed from Belem, Brazil, for Hamburg Aug. 26, was reported sunk in mid-Atlantic. Details were lacking.

The Admiralty previously announced the sinking of three German merchant ships, but named only the Olanda and the Carl Fritzen, both sunk off the east coast of South America.

The Inn, of 2,897 gross tons and 295 feet long, carried a crew of 30 and her home port was listed as Bremen. She had accommodations for passengers but North German-Lloyd officials in Brazil believed none were aboard.

## Heroic Stand Of Polish Garrison In Danzig Harbor

(By Linn Heinzlerling, Associated Press Staff Writer) RIGA, Latvia, Sept. 6—(AP)—The Polish munitions depot of Westerplatte in Danzig harbor still was in Polish hands yesterday when I left Danzig, where blanket censorship is being maintained.

A small garrison of Poles is holding out after defying for days the guns of the German navy and the bombs of German planes.

### NO SURRENDER

There was no sign of surrender when I left. The Germans were attempting to bring heavier artillery into play on these few Poles, against whom the first shots of the war were fired by the cruiser Schleswig-Holstein on Sept. 1 at 4:48 a. m.

It was believed by Germans in Danzig that not more than 100 men were on the little peninsula at the entrance to the harbor, with only machine guns and small arms, whereas the cruiser poured shells from 18 and 28 centimetre guns upon them at the moment of Danzig's return to the Reich and sent landing parties to storm the garrison.

Resistance at Gdynia

Meanwhile, the Germans were displaying vexation at the slowness of their efforts to take the nearby Polish port of Gdynia. On my departure from there they were being held several kilometres distant from the city.

The Danzigers appeared none too happy after the enthusiasm shown first upon their return to the Reich. Many lives were lost. Banks and the export and import business were not functioning, while regulations were stringent.

## Sweeping British Blockade Plans

Military Forces Welded Into Unified Body As Britain Takes Economic Offensive.

LONDON, Sept. 6—(CP)—Great Britain today disclosed sweeping measures designed to wreck German economy by blockade, welded her military forces into a unified body and announced that the first foray of German bombing planes toward English coasts had been repulsed.

Plans for an economic offensive against Germany were disclosed in a communique which said the new ministry of economic warfare would correspond broadly to the ministry of blockade set up late in the Great War.

Details of what the ministry intends to do were not disclosed but the communique said its aim "is to disorganize the economy of the enemy so as to prevent him from effectively carrying on the war."

### VITAL OFFENSIVE

"Economic warfare must be regarded as a vital offensive arm complementary to the operation of the three services," it said.

The Government started a blockade of Germany the minute war was declared. It was announced that all ships bound for Germany or carrying contraband would be stopped.

### Naval Treaty Suspended

The Ministry of Information announced that the London Naval Treaty of 1936 and naval treaties with Russia and Poland have been indefinitely suspended. The pact limited naval construction.

The naval treaty of 1936 was signed by the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, United States and France. It limited guns and warship tonnage and provided exchange of building programs.

One article permitted any party to suspend obligations if involved in war.

Organization of the ministry of economic warfare has been in progress for two years, the communique said, and its staff was selected some months ago. It will work in closest touch with the French Government.

France Co-operating  
An expert French delegation led by Paul Morand already is working with the ministry in London.

Meanwhile, all units of the regular army, territorial army and militia were merged into a single unified army to facilitate smooth

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## Situation At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON—Great Britain establishes new Ministry of Economic Warfare to direct blockade against Germany; regular army, territorial units and militia unified to facilitate operations; first German air raid on British coast reported repulsed; Winston Churchill says 125 Athenians passengers still unaccounted for; German freighter Inn reported sunk in mid-Atlantic.

PARIS—French announce continued advance beyond frontier into Germany; land, air forces coordinated against Siegfried Line in Saar Basin; successful British-French air raids reported on industrial triangle formed by Aachen, Eschweiler and Stolberg; two air raid alarms send Parisians to shelter.

BERLIN—Germans say motorized troops are speeding through Poland ahead of schedule; Krakow falls; Germans "surprised at lack of stiff resistance" in southwest; quiet reported on western front; Bremen said to have reached undisclosed neutral port; Berlin air raids denied.

BASLE—French seize first German pillboxes on formidable Siegfried Line.

WARSAW—Defenders of Warsaw prepare desperate stand against Nazis; fear invaders might reach capital in few hours; citizens called to dig trenches around city; Germans only 35 miles away; army says holding back overwhelming enemy forces in southwest; air raids continue; fleeing residents clog highways.

OTTAWA—Lieut.-Colonel J. L. Ralston, former Defence Minister, taken into Cabinet as Finance Minister. Members of Parliament assemble for historic session Thursday to decide Canada's wartime position.

WASHINGTON—Two destroyers and two coast guard cutters patrol North Atlantic to report on presence of any belligerent warships, additional 116 destroyers to join patrol extending east of New England to Antilles and Panama Canal; Murphy urges citizens to report spying activity; Union of South Africa Minister advises Hull his country at war with Germany.

RIGA—Small Polish garrison still holding out in Westerplatte, Polish munitions depot in Danzig harbor; German naval and air bombardment continues.

## NEW FINANCE MINISTER IS APPOINTED

Lt. Col. Ralston Given Portfolio Of Retiring Hon. C. A. Dunning.

OTTAWA, Sept. 6—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King moved to strengthen his war time Cabinet today when he gave the Finance Portfolio to Lt. Col. J. L. Ralston, K. C., 58-year-old Montreal lawyer, distinguished war veteran and former Minister of National Defence.

At the same time the Prime Minister accepted the resignation of Hon. Charles Dunning, Finance Minister since the present government was formed in 1935, who announced his retirement some weeks ago because of ill-health.

Dunning said he had definitely retired from politics but his resignation was not accepted at once.

Col. Ralston, who has been in Ottawa since yesterday, was sworn in by Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada, at six o'clock (PDT) tonight. It had been generally believed Col. Ralston would be drafted into the government once the crisis arose but it was not generally expected he would take the finance portfolio.

Revenue Minister Teley, who like Col. Ralston is a native of Nova Scotia and who represents that Province in the Cabinet, has been named Finance Minister since Mr. Dunning's retirement.

## Italy To Side - step Obligations?

TOKYO, Sept. 7—(Thursday)—(CP-Havas)—The Japanese newspaper Ashahi today reported from Rome that Italy had invoked secret clauses of the German-Italian military alliance which permits Italy to sidestep its military obligations to the Reich under certain conditions.

According to Ashahi the secret clauses stipulated:—

1. Danzig shall not be considered a cause of war.

2. Any war involving the Axis powers shall not be started before 1941.

The Japanese newspaper said today Italy has decided to remain neutral in the current conflict and ignore future "German-Soviet flirtations."

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## Maritime Board Of Trade Meeting Is Postponed

KENTVILLE, Sept. 6—(CP)—The Kentville board of trade was advised today the annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, due to have been held here Sept. 27-28, has been postponed.

ROME, Sept. 6—(AP)—Private Italian sources said tonight Premier Mussolini was about to renew his proposal for a conference of powers with a suggestion for an armistice in the German-Polish-British-French war until a conference could take place.

Official confirmation of this report was lacking, but one high placed Fascist said he thought it "most logical" and that Italy's neutrality was meant to leave

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## War Briefs

PARIS, Sept. 6—(AP)—Polish Ambassador Julius Lukasiewicz today issued a denial of reports that Marshal Edward Smigly Rydz, chief of the Polish army, had offered his resignation to President Moscicki.

(Such reports, without confirmation, reached Budapest early today.)

BERLIN—The north German Lloyd liner Bremen was reported to have arrived safely this morning in an unidentified neutral harbor. No word is known to have been received from the Bremen since she sailed from New York last Wednesday and there had been reports she had been captured by British warships.

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## Air And Land Forces Advance Beyond Frontier

British And French Planes Strike At German Munitions Plants And Concentration Centres North Of Saar Valley.

### BULLETIN

BASEL, Switzerland, (near French, Germany and Swiss Frontier) Sept. 6—(AP)—First line pill boxes of Germany's formidable Siegfried line were seized tonight by veteran troops from the French Magnot line.

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PARIS, Sept. 7—(Thursday)—(AP)—British troops have landed in France, reliable sources indicated today, to aid the French army's great offensive against Germany.

Government sources said the British army would be able to give "infinitely stronger" support to French land forces than it did in 1914, but did not disclose details of the landing of the British Tommies, nor the numbers involved.

(By TAYLOR HENRY) (Associated Press Staff Writer)

PARIS, Sept. 6—(AP)—A continuing advance by the French army into German territory, in a broad offensive of co-ordinated air and land forces directed at the Siegfried line, was reported tonight by the General Staff.

The evening communique, the second of the day to announce successes on the Western front, said the "first elements" of the French offensive wave were "progressing beyond the (German) frontier with the advance variable according to different parts of the front."

"The activity of our aviation," it added, "is in liaison with land actions.

"The movements foreseen for the mobilization, transport and installation of all units continue normally.

"For the various formations officers, conforming to our traditions, look out as much as possible for the necessities of life for the troops, whose morale is excellent.

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## Lloyds Quote Bomb Insurance In Maritimes

OTTAWA, Sept. 6—(CP)—Insurance agents are quoting a rate of 75 cents per \$100 for "bombardment insurance" in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec on advices from Lloyds of London, it was learned here today. The insurance covers risk of damage to buildings and other property from war hazards, such as shelling, bombing from the air and sabotage.

So far as could be learned no rate has been established for districts in Canada further west than the province of Quebec.

At the same time local agents were advised of the rates prevailing under war conditions for shipping insurance. The rate on ship-

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## A JOKE NEVER GAINED AN ENEMY BUT OFTEN LOSES A FRIEND!



TORONTO, Sept. 6—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	33 57
Vancouver	49 64
Edmonton	27 61
Regina	45 54
Winnipeg	36 71
Toronto	47 64
Ottawa	40 61
Montreal	44 59
Quebec	46 63
Saint John	53 61
Halifax	60 64
Charlottetown	58 62

Maritime East: Fresh or strong winds; partly cloudy and cool; probable light showers in northern districts.

High tide this afternoon at 4:50 and tomorrow morning at 3:40. Sun sets this evening at 6:27 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:29.

New moon Sept. 13, 7:22 A. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden	7 A. M., 9:45 A. M., 1 P. M., 4:30 P. M.
Leaves Tormentine	8:15 A. M., 11 A. M., 3:05 P. M., 6:20 P. M.

SUNDAY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden	9 A. M., 7 P. M.
Leaves Tormentine	10:15 A. M., 8:10 P. M.