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Europe Totters On Brink Of War

RUSSO-GERMAN ANTI-WAR PACT IS CONCLUDED

Agreement For 10 Years Goes Into Effect Immediately.

MOSCOW, Aug. 24.—(Thursday)—(AP)—The German-Russian non-aggression pact was signed early this morning. An official communique announced Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop had a three hour conference Wednesday afternoon with Foreign Commissar Molotov and Joseph Stalin. The German Ambassador to Moscow, Friedrich Werner Von Schulenburg, also was present. The talks were taken up again Wednesday night in the Kremlin and the decision was reached at this time to enter into the pact.

TEXT OF PACT

Von Ribbentrop and Premier Molotov signed the pact in the presence of Stalin. Text of the pact follows:—"The German Reich's Government and the Union of the Socialist Soviet Republics, moved by a desire to strengthen the state of peace between Germany and the U. S. S. R. and in the spirit of the provisions of the neutrality treaty of April 1926 between Germany and the U. S. S. R., decided the following: "Article One—The two contracting parties obligate themselves to refrain from every act of force, every aggressive action and every attack against one another, including any single action or that taken in conjunction with other powers. "Article Two—In case one of the parties to this treaty should become the object of warlike acts by a third power, the other party will in no way support this third power. "Article Three—The Governments of the two contracting parties in the future will constantly remain in consultation with one another in order to inform each other regarding questions of common interests. "Article Four—Neither of the high contracting parties will associate itself with any other grouping of powers which directly or indirectly is aimed at the other party.

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Playwright Is Crushed To Death

TYRINGHAM, Mass., Aug. 23.—(AP)—Sidney Howard, playwright, was killed at his summer home today when a tractor he was cranking started up and crushed him beneath the wheels. Howard was 48 years old and writer of many Broadway hits, including the 1925 Pulitzer prize play "They Knew What They Wanted."

Coming Events

- Talkies—Crapaud Thursday, L-252-8-23-21. Talkies—Canoes Cove Friday, L-262-8-23-21. Dance French River Hall Thursday, August 24th, Door Prize, L-202-8-23-21. Lawn party at Green Road School Friday night, August 25th, Good music, L-303. Dance Fortune Hall Friday, August 25th, Burke's Orchestra, Clifford Peters, Pianist, L-92-8-23-21. Ice cream and dance Kelly's Cross Hall Friday, August 24, instead of Wednesday, L-275-8-23-21. Meeting at Milton Hall Friday the 25th to elect five delegates for the Conservative National Convention August 31st, L-238-8-23-21. Borden Dance tonight, O. K. Freedy's Orchestra, L-52-8-22-Thurth. Buying in trade, Pease String Beans, Dave Dress, now at Peters & Gallant, L-290-8-24-21. Singo, Lawn Party and Dance, Fairview School, tonight, August 24th, Refreshments, L-260-8-24-11. Dance at Kory Korner, Vernon, Friday, August 25th, L-291-8-24-21. There will be a meeting of National Conservative electors of North Wilshire poll at residence of Mr. Leman, Treasurer on Friday evening Aug. 25th to select delegates for annual meeting of County Association, L-300-8-24-21.

Ottawa Views Situation With 'Utmost Gravity'

Government Vested With Extraordinary Powers To Cope With War Emergency

(By C. R. Blackburn, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—Armed by existing statutes with extraordinary powers to cope with a condition of war "readily apprehended," Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his cabinet colleagues will not call Parliament unless it becomes apparent peace negotiations in Europe are likely to prove unavailing. The Prime Minister made this statement today after consulting by telephone with opposition party leaders in the House of Commons. He declared, however, he was still of the opinion there was no question in Europe nor capable of solution. Under the War Measures Act of 1914, the Governor in Council may exercise extraordinary powers to cope with emergencies arising from the outbreak of war, and under the older Militia and Naval Acts, the Government may place the available service units on active duty in the defence of Canada.

Emergency Powers

The Prime Minister indicated his Government would use these powers if the necessity arose while Parliament is not sitting, but stated that Parliament would be summoned at once if it became apparent peaceful efforts were of no avail. It would be called in a week for Parliament to assemble in Ottawa. Meanwhile the Cabinet is preparing for a meeting tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and the likelihood of an all-day sitting. Opening statements at the emergency session of the British Parliament will be made by Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Roosevelt. The session will be available for study by the Canadian Ministers in Council. From his office in the east block, the Prime Minister today consulted by telephone with Conservative Leader Manion, who was in Toronto, and with John Blackmore, leader of the Social Credit group in the House of Commons, and James Woodsworth, leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation group.

Purpose of the Prime Minister's call to the leaders of the opposition side of the House was to acquaint them with the official facts as received from diplomatic sources and to advise them what was being done by the Government. Dr. Manion Reached Dr. Manion had nothing to say on the situation when questioned in Toronto after his telephone conversation with the Prime Minister. The Conservative leader attended Senator Frank O'Connor's funeral in Toronto and had planned to do the same until grave news from Europe compelled him to remain in Ottawa. While official Ottawa looks up on the situation with the utmost gravity there was no outward indication of alarm or increased activity in Government circles.

War Talk Heard

Knots of people gathered about bulletin boards and war talk was heard everywhere but down at Lansdowne Park where the central Canada Exhibition was on its third day there were record breaking crowds. Trade Minister Euler told an exhibition luncheon War Talk Heard

Plans To Ensure Security Of Canadian People Ready Defence Minister States

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—(CP)—Detailed plans to ensure the security of the Canadian people are in constant readiness and would be put into effect instantly should war become an actuality, Defence Minister Mackenzie said tonight. "I cannot speak as to policy in event of war," he said. "That is a matter for the Prime Minister and the entire cabinet. In regard to the defence department, however we have prepared complete plans. The Defence Minister did not wish to discuss details of the plans prepared for a national emergency. For instance, should Canada become involved in a war, a complete plan for mobilization of all Canada's defence forces would be immediately set in operation. Units of the small permanent army, scattered throughout the Dominion, are always mobilized, but would be brought up to war strength by calling up the reserves and the entire volunteer militia force of men who in private life are shoe salesmen, lawyers, dentists and factory hands. The volunteer soldiers wear their uniforms only on duty, but take an oath of allegiance just as any per-

ITALY READY TO STAND BY AXIS PARTNER

Mussolini, However, Remains Silent Hoping To Avoid War.

(By The Canadian Press)

ROME, Aug.—(AP)—The French Ambassador and the Italian Foreign Minister were reported reliably tonight to have advised each other of their respective nations would do if Fuehrer Hitler marched on Danzig. Ambassador Andre Francois-Poncet, whose nation is pledged with Great Britain to aid Poland, talked with Count Ciano for 35 minutes. Diplomatic quarters said the interchange of attitudes was of great importance in the light of the grave European situation. Sir Percy Loraine, the British Ambassador, called upon Count Ciano earlier in the day. Ciano was reported to have told Francois-Poncet in effect that Italy would stand solidly with her Axis partner, Germany, in peace or war. DANZIG AN EXCUSE It was evident from Fascist newspapers that Rome as well as Berlin hoped to get more out of the Danzig crisis than the return of Danzig to Germany. The press declared frankly that it would be necessary also to restore Germany's war lost colonies, and satisfy Italian claims on France for privileges in Tunisia, the Suez Canal and Djibuti. Outward signs of military activity and his officials were silent. A fervent desire to avoid war was expressed in the newspapers. But many foreign observers believed Italy was ready to march if her troops were called into action by the turn of events. Italian authorities have let it be understood that Alpine garrisons on the French frontier are on the alert and strong foreign diplomatic observers believe that anti-aircraft defences are well manned. The Fascist press showed an uncompromising attitude toward London and Warsaw to avert the threat of war by letting Germany have Danzig without a struggle. Giovanni Ansaldo, who often reflects the views of the Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, forecast in the Leghorn newspaper, "Telegrapho," that the union of the German-Soviet non-aggression pact will be followed by a reconciliation between Russia and Japan.

Military Service Act

"The Military Service Act contained a clause to the effect that it would be in force only for the

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Rumania Reaffirms Neutrality

BUCHAREST, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Rumania, with 850,000 men under arms, declared tonight she was determined to remain neutral if war came to Europe and would fight only if attacked.

Are Keeping Lookout For Five Yachts

HALIFAX, Aug. 23.—(CP)—Seven of the 13 ships in the Marblehead-Yawl-Toga race lay off the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron tonight as squadron members kept watch for the five still believed working toward the finish line.

Well over a full day behind the winner, three more yachts came in today and tonight to learn the Marblehead-Yawl-Toga race had taken the race by a wide margin. Her arrival yesterday morning clinched the race, for none of those following got in before their time handicaps expired.

R. P. Baruch's Kirivan II of New York got in this morning, and several hours later was trailed by the Eskason, owned by J. G. MacKenzie of Halifax and S. G. Dobson of Toronto, and only Canadian entrant in the race. Tonight, the Tinaviren owned by George Poor of Marblehead, took the finishing gun.

The five still unreported were W. A. Parker's Hindu, from Boston; Marjette II, owned by George Swift, Marblehead, Mass.; A. J. Storrow's Junior Ketch Lone Star, Marblehead; Essex V, E. A. Schuman, Manchester, Mass., and the Joy Too, A. G. Chesterton of Marblehead.

E. R. Hathaway's Marblehead Yawl Pirouette ran aground off Yarmouth, N. S., and was withdrawn from the 366-mile race.

The Evening Session Last night's meeting opened with

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International Developments At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

MOSCOW—Germany and Russia sign non-aggression agreement after speedy negotiations among Von Ribbentrop, Molotov and Stalin; British-French mission marks time on disrupted negotiations for three-power mutual assistance pact with Soviet; two members of British delegation prepare to return home.

Berlin—Hitler stands firm on Polish demands reported now to include acceptance by Poles of Nazi protectorate government; British Ambassador re-states Britain's determination to aid Poland and tells of Mr. Chamberlain's continued peace efforts but reported to have been told in effect "too late."

London—Britain moves toward wartime footing; Hitler demands stiffer peace terms; naval reinforcements speed to Mediterranean; east coast shippers cancel sailings due to leave for Baltic or German ports.

Brussels—King Leopold makes dramatic peace plea on behalf of seven neutral states for major powers to "open negotiations in spirit of brotherly cooperation."

Paris—France orders partial mobilization, bringing forces to a round 2,000,000 men.

Washington—Roosevelt speeds back to Washington after curtailing vacation cruise; capital speculates over whether intends another peace plea; Americans advised to stay out of Europe.

Rome—Italy apparently standing firm with Germany; reports from other European capitals indicate showdown before weeks' end.

Warsaw—Hope prevails that western powers will find way out of crisis.

BUSY DAY FOR DELEGATES AT CONVENTION

Delegates to the Catholic Women's League convention here spent a busy day yesterday holding three sessions at which reports covering the work of the League in the Charlottetown diocese were submitted and thoroughly discussed. The three-day convention, seventh annual meeting for the diocese opened at Notre Dame Academy Tuesday evening and will conclude this afternoon when the new slate of officers will be elected.

Morning and afternoon sessions yesterday were devoted to business while the evening meeting was public. Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan in an address explained the purpose and working of the Canadian Society for the control of cancer. Dr. MacMillan is on the board of the National Society as one of the representatives from this Province and is president of the Island branch.

In his address last night he stressed the need of early treatment of the disease, pointing out early treatment was usually successful. Medical advice should be sought immediately on the slightest suspicion of the disease, especially if the person was approaching or had reached middle age.

Before he concluded he urged on the delegates that every one possible should belong to the society which was organized solely to centralize efforts in coping with the dread malady.

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Britain Makes Ready For Emergency As The Empire Rallies To Its Support

Nation Moves Toward War Footing. Sailings To Baltic Cancelled. Embargo Placed On War Essentials

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(C. P. Cable)—Great Britain, its Empire rallying to its support, joined with France tonight in moving grimly toward a wartime footing following apparent failure of an urgent warning by London to Fuehrer Hitler to alter German demands against Poland. The Admiralty sent reinforcements to the Mediterranean fleet to bring it up to full war strength.

The British Government clamped down an embargo on war essentials like copper, nickel, scrap iron, gasoline and rubber and gave orders to the whole country to man the air-raid warning system day and night.

SAILINGS CANCELLED

Tyneside shipowners cancelled all sailings to Baltic and German ports until the international situation is clarified. One vessel en route to Hamburg was called back by radio.

The Home Office ordered air raid precaution forces to be ready, beginning tonight, for a nationwide blackout at a moment's notice. All A. R. P. telephones were ordered manned day and night to notify householders. Britons were warned to keep their gas masks ready. The Board of Trade issued an order prohibiting export of essential war materials from Britain except by licence.

The King interrupted his vacation in Scotland to return to London.

DIPLOMATS BUSY

Activity at the Foreign Office and at No. 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister's residence, was greater than at any time since the Czecho-Slovak crisis last September. Crowds stood in Downing Street throughout the day, watching diplomats and cabinet ministers enter and leave. The Imperial Defence Council met in the cabinet room to consider preparedness steps.

Mr. Chamberlain consulted with the Foreign Secretary, Viscount Halifax, Home Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Chatfield, Minister for Coordination of Defences, and other key ministers. Among the diplomatic callers was the United States Ambassador, Joseph P. Kennedy, who talked with both Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax. He was cheered by the crowds as he left the Foreign Office.

PARTIAL MOBILIZATION

The French Government ordered partial mobilization at an emergency meeting of the National Defence Council. The order meant that French troops called to the colors would number between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000. The German Fuehrer's reported statement, on the eve of the emergency session of Parliament, that Poland must either yield to his demands or be partitioned came as a staggering blow to hopes for a peaceful settlement.

(Hitler's demands were reported in Berlin to include unconditional return of the Free City of Danzig, and those sections of Poland which were German before the Great War, and the acceptance by Poland of a protectorate over the area remaining to her.) Parliament was expected to vote the Government blanket powers to deal with any emergency.

CALL TO COLORS Reservists in the army, navy and air force. Lord Kemsley, newspaper publisher who recently visited Hitler, (Continued on page 8, Col 3)

Dramatic Peace Appeal Issued By Belgian King On Behalf Of Small Powers

BRUSSELS, Aug. 23.—(AP)—whose foreign ministers completed a hurried one-day conference in Brussels today. Leopold's speech was delivered in person at the Royal Palace to the representatives of the Oslo group and was relayed on an international broadcast. Preceding his appeal, the King painted a gloomy picture of the world as it exists tonight. He declared a "frightful war" threatens which would know "neither victor nor vanquished but in which the spiritual and material values created by centuries of civilization would founder."

The King's appeal came as a sudden climax to the meeting of the foreign ministers of the Oslo group who convened in Brussels on 48 hour notice, telegraphed their program into less than four hours and were on their way to their capitals tonight to resume study of hourly changing developments.

Australia And New Zealand Back Britain

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(CP)—From outlying parts of the empire dispatches poured into London today indicating the attitude of the dominions and colonies with regard to Europe's grave crisis.

As the dominions' high commissioners met here to pool information and discuss the German-Polish dilemma there were indications the Empire as a whole was ready to face any emergency that may arise.

From Canada came word that Prime Minister King will ask Parliament to reassemble if efforts being made to preserve the peace of Europe fail. Mr. King summoned a cabinet council to meet tomorrow.

Other Ottawa dispatches said it was regarded as a foregone conclusion the Canadian militia would be mobilized for defence at once should Britain be involved in war.

Australian Stand

In Canberra Prime Minister R. G. Menzies said after a cabinet meeting "Australia stands where she stood 25 years ago." He added: "Britain has and will continue to have the fullest cooperation from us in her magnificent efforts to avoid the insanity and injustice of war. If her great efforts fail we will stand with her. It would be a cardinal error for any other country to assume that there is any disunity among the British peoples on these matters."

New Zealand Loyal

In the Wellington House of Representatives New Zealand's Government and opposition joined in pledges of full support to Great Britain. Peter Fraser, the acting prime minister, promised that "if New Zealand is threatened, every human life, every penny, every ounce of property will become part of its defences."

Adam Hamilton, National (Opposition) Party Leader, expressed hope that "the councils of peace

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"ANAESTHETIC" IS A MEDICAL TERM FOR TEN DOLLARS



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