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the fight.

ROYAL NAVY SWEEPS SEAS

Germany Moves To Reinforce Western Front

Indication French Drive May Relieve Pressure On Poland.

(By Taylor Henry, Associated Press Staff Writer)
PARIS, Sept. 7.—(AP)—A French communique said tonight Germany was moving reinforcements to the western front where French troops were reported feeling their way forward along the fringes of the Saar Basin "no man's land."

The report said they were moving forward against flanking fire from advance lines guarding the shallow valleys leading to the main Siegfried Line fortifications of the Reich.

The French General Staff communique No. 8 said:—"On the front between the Rhine and the Moselle the enemy is being reinforced in front of us. Observers report the arrival of new forces coming from the interior of Germany."

The announcement was the first indication French pressure might be succeeding in its aims of forcing the German command to concentrate troops in the west and ease pressure in Poland.

The French were said to have carried the fighting into German territory in an effort to divert German troops from the eastern (Polish) front, where, reports reaching Paris said, Nazi advances have been as deep as 60 and 70 miles at some points.

Military observers in Paris said the heaviest Franco-German fighting apparently was between the small French city of Bitche, near France's frontier with Germany, and the Moselle River to the north. Bitche nestles at the base of a fortified hill.

A French force was said to have fought its way into the German forest of Bienwald, just north of Lauterbourg. Although the reported advance was slight and had not been specifically mentioned in a communique, observers here regarded it as a sign that the fighting was spreading.

The wooded Bienwald forest spreads out between the Lauter River and the Siegfried line to a depth of five or six miles. The Lauter forms a frontier between France and Germany between Lauterbourg and Wissembourg 10 miles to the north.

The forest, which reaches its greatest depth opposite Lauterbourg, narrows down a few miles before Wissembourg, tapering off into a narrow plain.

From just northwest of Wissembourg to Bitche, moderately high hills are cut by deep ravines. The French advance into Germany announced by the French general staff yesterday was between these hills.

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Blackout in Sydney

SYDNEY, N. S., Sept. 7.—(CP)—A mass blackout was staged tonight in the south section of Cape Breton county, where Nova Scotia's steel and coal industries are concentrated most heavily.

On signal, lights were put out in Sydney, Glace Bay, New Bedford, Dominion, Bay View and several smaller communities. Lights went out in the steel plant here and in the mines in the other centres.

Streets were cleared of traffic.

Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- "Dance at Kozy Corner, Vernon Friday, Sept. 8th. Good orchestra. L-711-9-7-21.
- "Kinkora Hall, Dance Monday night, September Eleventh. Well-known Orchestra. L-682-9-6-8.
- "The annual Presbyterian Young People's Rally which was to be held at Belfast Sept. 9th and 10th, is postponed indefinitely. Regina MacLean, Pres. L-670-9-6-31.
- "Special Annual Meeting, West River Telephone Company, Long Creek Hall, Monday evening, September 18th, at 7:30 P. M. All interested are asked to attend. General repair of the line will be made on Wednesday, September 13th. Box 546. In this service are asked to organize groups in each district and effect general repairs throughout the whole system. Board of Directors. L-726-9-8-21.

U-BOATS ACT AS SPEARHEAD OF NAZI DRIVE

Become Important Element In New European War.

(By The Canadian Press)
German submarine warfare became an important element of the new European war last night as at least four more allied ships were attacked in the Atlantic by U-boats.

Two of these, the British freighters Mannar and Olivegrove, were reported sunk. No immediate word was received of the fate of the others, the British Pukastar and French Tamara, also freighters.

Still another freighter, the Cunard Royal Sceptre, was added to the roll of victims by the British ministry of information, which announced also that the Corinthia had been attacked but reached port safely.

Previously listed as torpedoed victims were the Donaldson British liner Athenia—and the freighter Bona.

Loss of Life Undetermined

The total loss of life to date was undetermined, but the Donaldson line reported about 128 passengers and crew members of the 1400-odd aboard the Athenia still were missing. One member of the Bona crew was killed; at least two of the Mannar were dead and 40 were missing.

Even before yesterday's rapid-fire developments, Prime Minister Chamberlain reported to the House

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Canada Makes Air Defence Appropriation

OTTAWA, Sept. 7.—(CP)—An appropriation of \$150,000 for preliminary steps in taking necessary emergency precautions to guard against air raids in the centres in Canada, considered most vulnerable at the moment, was provided in an Order-in-Council tabled in the Commons today.

Air raid precautions have been designated as a responsibility of the Department of Pensions and National Health.

For the purchase of 6,000 units of suitable clothing for emergency work in parties, \$72,000 is included. \$12,000 is provided for the printing and distribution of literature on air raid precautions, the estimate at \$20,000.

Early British Victory Is Forecast

LONDON, Sept. 8.—(Friday)—(CP)—A decisive allied victory was forecast early today by Prime Minister Chamberlain in a broadcast opening the Polish-language news programs instituted by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

In a message read by Count Edward Raczyński, Polish Ambassador in London, Mr. Chamberlain said: "We in Great Britain are watching with profound admiration the heroic struggle of the Polish forces against the enemy invading their land. Great Britain and France have entered the war with the determination to aid with all their power the resistance of Poland to aggression. They are strengthened by the knowledge that they are fighting for things that are greater than the interests of any one country—for honor, for justice and for the freedom of the world. Those who have taken up arms in such a cause are assured, whatever the sacrifices they may be called upon to make, of final victory in the end."

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Situation At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON—Prime Minister Chamberlain says nation can "rest assured" Great Britain's navy will "increasingly bring under control" Germany's submarine raiders; two British ships sink; Royal Air Corps reported making two hits in spectacular raid on German ships in Kiel Canal; Government advised Japan does not intend to become involved.

PARIS—French General Staff says German reinforcements rushed to northern flank of western front to meet French advances; French armies penetrate German territory nine miles; occupy strategically-located German forest of Bienwald; "marked activity on both sides"; "British expeditionary force of undisclosed strength lands in France; Premier Daladier considers formation of national unity government.

WARSAW—Dispatches almost 24 hours old described Poles as stiffening defence of their capital; reported "fighting like lions." Radio station at Lwow broadcasts that German air raiders bombed Warsaw and vicinity again yesterday after 35 bombers were shot down by Poles Wednesday. Station also broadcasts general staff order for all reservists not yet called to colors to report.

OTTAWA—Emergency session of Canadian Parliament adjourns until Friday without taking action on Dominion's part in European strife.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt adds administrators of works, security and loans to cabinet for "duration of the emergency"; no immediate plans for calling Congress; Government move to crush spy activities in United States.

GLASGOW—Owners of sunken British liner Athenia reported 128 persons, many of them Canadians, dead or missing out of 1,418 persons aboard.

CANNES—Duke and Duchess of Windsor to leave Friday for London.

MOSCOW—Russia's policy of "neutrality from capitalistic warmongers" gratified.

BASLE—French heavy artillery hammers main forts of Germany's Siegfried Line from Lauterbourg to the Saar frontier.

BERLIN—War communiques claim Nazi armies clamp Poles in three great vices, one within 20 miles of Warsaw; Government silent on western front conflict; claims 25,000 prisoners taken.

French Gains Along Western Front Continue

Heavy Artillery Hammers Siegfried Line As Hostilities Spread.

(By Charles Foltz, Jr., Associated Press Staff Writer)
BASLE, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The main forts of Germany's Siegfried Line were hammered tonight by French heavy artillery from Lauterbourg, where the French-German frontier elbows away from the Rhine, to the Saar frontier.

The French were said to have taken more pillboxes in German territory before the main positions of the fortified line.

(By The Canadian Press)
A spread in the fighting on the western front was indicated Thursday by French reports of repeated successes and sending of German reinforcements to stop the advance by the French armies into the strategically-located German forest of Bienwald, just north of Lauterbourg.

Despatches from Basle, Switzerland, told of heavy artillery hammering at the Siegfried Line and a French communique said thousands of Nazi reinforcements were pouring into the line to meet the French advances into the fringe of Germany's rich Saar district.

By hammering harder at Germany in the west, the French strategy was to draw from the east some of the Nazi legions driving deeper into Poland.

There were no indications that the new Nazi troops in the west were pulled away from the eastern front, but military observers held that even if they were units in reserve up to now, Germany's potential striking power against Poland would be lessened just that much.

German soldiers have gripped the Warsaw defenders in three great vices, the Polish radio station at Lwow broadcast: that the capital and a wide surrounding area was again bombed from the air. The broadcast claimed Polish defenders on Wednesday shot down 35 German planes.

The main jaw of the German drive was said in Berlin to be only 20 miles from Warsaw.

British Force In France

A British expeditionary force of

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Nazi Forces Claim Sweeping Gains In Poland

Civilian Populace Withdrawing From Western Cities Bordering France.

BERLIN, Sept. 7.—(AP)—German army reports tonight claimed sweeping gains in Poland. They asserted that Polish forces had been clamped in three great vices, one of which was closing in on Warsaw, the Polish capital.

The main jaw of the advance, these army reports said, was only 20 miles from Warsaw's northern limit.

Westplatte, the tiny Polish munitions station in Danzig harbor, has fallen after six days of assault, German officials said.

(They announced that it fell last Monday, but a correspondent of The Associated Press who arrived at Riga yesterday from Danzig said

BUDAPEST, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The Polish radio station at Lwow broadcast at 10:35 p. m. (6:45 p. m. ADT) today that "the Germans today again bombarded Warsaw from the air and also railway lines and stations in a wide area."

The broadcast claimed Polish aviators yesterday shot down 35 planes.

"The northern front strongly resists German attacks while Gdynia (Polish seaport across from Danzig) is desperately defending its positions," the report said.

The radio's military expert insisted that the "Germans lie when they stated that they had destroyed the Polish fleet."

(The station at Lwow is believed to be the only one now operating in Poland.)

that at 6 p. m. Tuesday a handful of Polish soldiers were still holding out against overwhelming odds.)

"Mastery of Air"

Field Marshal Hermann Goering told his air force: "Mastery of the air in the east is yours. No enemy plane was able to touch the defence of German air space."

There was no report in Berlin of any action or the French frontier.

From parts of western Germany, however, came reports from relatives and friends indicating large scale withdrawals of the civilian populace from such cities as Saarbrücken, Trier, Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle), Bonn and Karlsruhe. Inhabitants of the evacuated

regions received orders to leave their homes unlocked. They have been assured that soldier guards will see that nothing happens to their homes unless, of course, enemy shots destroy them.

Optimism Prevails

Optimism prevailed here tonight.

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Emergency Parliamentary Session Opens

Premier King Expected To State Government's Proposals Today

OTTAWA, Sept. 7.—Canada's 18th Parliament was launched tonight on an emergency war session by Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General, in a Throne Speech outstanding for its brevity and dispatch of details of the Government's proposed cooperation with Great Britain in the war against Germany.

Proceedings today took slightly more than an hour and included reading of the Speech from the Throne by Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General, the tabling of correspondence relating to the outbreak of war and of orders-in-council passed by the cabinet to deal with war conditions and Canadian defence.

It was understood members of the Senate and House of Commons would have to wait until tomorrow for a declaration by Prime Minister Mackenzie King on the measures of cooperation to be proposed.

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ARRIVAL OF FRENCH LINER IS AWAITED

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Ship officials watched tonight for the arrival of the French liner Ile de France with more than 1,000 war-refugee passengers from Le Havre.

Its exact location remained unknown as its radio was silenced, and its course was a zig-zag on the North Atlantic.

The United States Liner Manhattan arrived today with 2,147 passengers, including Postmaster General A. Farley, congressmen, messengers Grace Moore and Norma Shearer and Elsa Maxwell, society hostess.

Less fortunate Americans still stranded in Europe heard, meanwhile, that executives of the United States lines acknowledge that disputes between operators and seamen over war risk insurance and bonus payments might delay four ships from rushing to Europe to return them to America.

Officials of the Italian line announced here that the company's schedules would be expanded. They said the Roma, tied up here for two weeks, would sail Sept. 12 for Gibraltar, Naples and Genoa. The Rex will sail again for Europe on Sept. 19 following its arrival here Sept. 17 with capacity lists of returning Americans.

Transatlantic passenger rates shot upward as much as 50 per cent as a direct result of the war.

The United States lines was the exception in the almost general move toward higher passenger fares, as John M. Franklin, president of the company, announced that no increases have been made or will be contemplated until all Americans stranded abroad are returned home.

Increases, effective immediately in all passenger classes, were made by the Italian, Swedish and Holland-America lines and it was understood that the Norwegian-American line would announce increases soon.

Courteous U-boat Captain

NEW YORK, 7.—(AP)—"Most courteous" German submarine commander "graciously helped" 33 seamen before sinking their British freighter Olivegrove, Captain Giles Stedman, of the United States Liner Washington wireless tonight after rescuing the men.

Stedman said the submarine ordered "all hands to abandon ship" and "when the boats were in water and clear of ship a torpedo was fired into the Olivegrove."

The sub commander was most courteous in treatment of survivors, furnishing them a course and check of their compasses. Capt. Stedman said.

Captain Stedman's message indicated no lives were lost. They fired two red rockets which enabled the Washington to sight the lifeboats in the Atlantic off the coast of Ireland and near the entrance to the English Channel, Captain Stedman said.

"The sub carried no identification marks," he said. Captain Stedman said all survivors were in good condition. The Olivegrove sank six minutes after the torpedo struck, settling down by the stern.

New York for England, was less than an hour's run northwest of the Olivegrove when the SOS was received.

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German Shipping Disappears From Trade Routes

Stoppage Of Nazi Marine Traffic Tightens Economic Stranglehold Powerful Factor In Allied Cause.

(By J. F. Sanderson)
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON, Sept. 7.—(CP Cable)—The mighty royal navy is slowly sweeping the seas of German merchant ships, thereby tightening the economic stranglehold on the Reich.

The Ministry of Information announced tonight that 54 German ships, representing 180,000 tons, have sought refuge in the port of Vigo, Northwest Spain. Nine others aggregating 60,000 tons are in Japanese harbors.

Each of these ships means a dead loss to Germany for the balance of the war and as far as being able to help Germany obtain raw materials she needs to prosecute the war and feed her people might just as well be at the bottom of the ocean.

The British cargo boat Royal Sceptre of 4,853 tons was sent to the bottom by a German U-boat today, and the Corinthia was attacked but not damaged, and reached port safely today. Accounts of other attacks on allied shipping were received tonight.

But the Royal Navy was striking back at these under-seas raiders. The Ministry of Information said an attack on a German mine-laying submarine was believed to have been successful. Attacks on submarines have continued but there were "no major operations to report", it said.

Destroyers escorting Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson across the North Sea dropped depth charges—customary weapon against submarines.

In his first report to the nation on five days of war Mr. Chamberlain told the House of Commons one of Germany's pocket battleships was hit at least twice when R. A. F. bombers raided Wilhelmshaven Monday in a surprise attack.

This raid, which was the first contact British armed forces made with Germany's war machine, was taken part in, among others, by a group of Dominion aviators, the Prime Minister said.

It was learned that most of the Dominion representatives were Canadians who have been training with the R. A. F. for several months.

One vessel hit was one of the most powerful units of the German navy, the ministry of information said tonight in a communique giving a detailed account of the raid.

The communique said one of Germany's "pocket battleships" and another war vessel were hit despite intense anti-aircraft fire and attacks by German warplanes.

Attack Pressed With Vigor
"It is now possible to give a fairly full account of the first active operation of the Royal Air Force in the war—the successful attack on the German naval base at Wilhelmshaven and Brunsbüttel"

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War Briefs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The United States navy officials disclosed today, will begin immediate construction of a \$350,000 submarine base at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

MOSCOW, Sept. 7.—(CP-Havas)—The Soviet Union has assured Poland that Russia will strive as far as possible to maintain normal commercial relations with Poland, diplomatic sources reported tonight. The assurances, it was said, were given by the Premier and foreign commissar, Vyacheslav Molotov recently in an interview with the Polish ambassador.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 7.—(CP-Havas)—Seamen aboard the Disko, Danish fishing vessel putting in here today said that the Danish fishing boat Nordstrand was sunk by a mine near Esbjerg and four of its crew were killed. Esbjerg is a Danish port on the North Sea.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—(CP)—The railway executive committee announced tonight that passenger train service would be curtailed beginning Monday. Dining cars will be eliminated but "snack boxes" will be provided.

TORONTO, Sept. 7.—(CP)—The Ontario Red Cross decided at a meeting here today to open red cross depots immediately at Barrie, Peterborough and Camp Borden, Ontario military camps.

KITCHENER, Ont., Sept. 7.—(CP)—Three Lutheran churches have decided to discontinue services in German.

SUNDAY SAUNING
Leaves Borden 9 A.M. 7 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 10.15 A.M. 8.10 P.M.

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TORONTO, Sept. 7.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Toronto	51-69
Ottawa	44-71
Montreal	43-67
Quebec	40-61
St. John	47-60
Halifax	40-56
Charlottetown	48-55

Maritime—East: Moderate to fresh winds; partly cloudy and cool; probably a few scattered showers.

High tide this afternoon at 6:15 and tomorrow morning at 5:30. Sun sets this evening at 6:26 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:30.

New moon Sept. 13, 7:22 A.M. Summer tide eighteen minute a 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.

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