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Not So Quiet on Western Front



Pastors Warned Against Repeating 1917 Mistakes

Dr. Elliott Urges That U. S. Be Kept as an 'Island of Sanity' In World Maelstrom.

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER

"Let Christian ministers beware of the same trends which led some of them to bless the war of 1917-1918," Dr. Errol T. Elliott, Indianapolis Ministerial Association president, said today.

The First Friends Church pastor, asked what ought to be the attitude of churches if the United States should become involved in the European war, continued:

"There is no more evidence that war can save democracy today than there was 25 years ago. In any event, may the Christian church remain Christian, pouring into the national life all the thoughtfulness and understanding possible, in order that there may be an island of sanity in a world maelstrom of violence."

Rev. Mr. Lytle Is Brief

Mrs. Ralph Hudelson, former vice president of the National Council of Churchwomen and a delegate at the 1937 world conference on faith and order at Oxford, England, said:

"If war should come to us, it seems to me that Christian women should continue to teach their children that it is possible for representatives of the nations of the world to sit about a conference table and come to a peaceful understanding."

"It seems to me that women should never again allow themselves to be 'propagandized' into an orgy of hate and fear."

The Rev. Howard S. Lytle, Fletcher Place Methodist Church pastor, who will be a member of the committee on the state of the nation at the Indiana Methodist Conference here next week, answered the question in a sentence:

"Speaking for myself, I cannot reconcile Christianity and war. That's all!"

Peace in Christ—Dr. Hopkins

Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, general secretary of the World Sunday School Association and president of the United Christian Missionary Society here, said in part:

"It is in such a time of crisis that the church has the divine function of serving as the representative of Christ on earth. He founded the church for just such a ministry, and specifically affirmed that 'the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.'

"It is in Christ alone that the world will find peace."

See Opportunity for U. S.

Mrs. Franck Hatch Straightoff, Church Federation international goodwill committee chairman and the only woman committee chairman of the federation, stated:

"It is particularly important for people of a Christian nation to endeavor consistently to practice Jesus' teachings of love and good will to men. This cruel international situation may prove to be our nation's opportunity to demonstrate to the world the fruitlessness of war and the value of creative peace."

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WARSAW KEEPS UP FIGHT; PARIS CLAIMS BIG VICTORY

Uncensored—'Polish Armies Intact'

Edward W. Beattie Jr., United Press correspondent who spent the opening days of the war in Warsaw, has reached Bucharest, Rumania, and filed the following uncensored dispatch on a German air raid into the heart of Poland's agricultural section.

By EDWARD W. BEATTIE JR.
United Press Staff Correspondent

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Sept. 9 (U. P.)—On the road from Warsaw to the Rumanian border there is a market town called Tomasow, and today half of it is in ashes and 30 of its inhabitants lie dead.

The town and the dead—including the village doctor—are the victims of a German air raid against a village that seemed to be of no military value whatever.

I rode into Tomasow five hours after the bombardment and saw what explosive and incendiary bombs could do to a market town built of wood and plaster.

The terror from the sky struck Thursday, a day on which big two-motored German bombers turned their attention to Poland's agricultural center.

Aside from the fact that Tomasow lies across the wide road from

Lemberg to Lublin, one of the best in Poland and unquestionably important in the transportation of troops, it has no military value.

But the Germans struck from the sky and when these winged away flames were leaping from the houses, 30 were dead and a score wounded. There was no hope for the seriously wounded for the village doctor, only man who could aid them lay dead too.

Normally Tomasow has 38,000 inhabitants but in the last few days the inhabitants have been streaming out of the village carrying their belongings in pushcarts. The biggest buildings in Tomasow were the domed Orthodox Greek churches. The rest of the town consisted of flimsy dwellings and one-room Jewish shops.

The Germans were able to penetrate so deeply into Poland because the Polish Army, on advice from the British and French general staffs, retreated in good order. The strategy was to try to keep as many German troops as possible massed in Poland until France and Great Britain could strike a telling blow on the Western Front.

Apparently it was successful. There can be little doubt that the Polish Army is largely intact. Much of it never went to battle at all.

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NAZIS SHOVED BACK IN WEST

Moroccans Join in Attack Reinforced by Tanks And Cavalry.

PARIS, Sept. 9 (U. P.)—French troops have captured most of the great Warndt Forest in Germany in their advance from the Maginot line, the high command announced today.

Crack troops, driving into the Saar basin, had surrounded the city of Saarbruecken, reliable informants said, and now were within striking distance of Germany's great West Wall.

Communique No. 11, published by the high command, said today:

Victory Held Significant

"Sept. 9, 10:45 a. m. (3:45 a. m. Indianapolis Time): Land operations during last night saw action by our advance element. Most of the great Warndt Forest west of Forbach fell into our hands. We found it filled with destruction and all sorts of traps. Our Air Force operated in full salvo with our last troops."

Military experts said that between the lines of this laconic communiqué was to be read the news of France's first big strategic victory.

It meant that the French had smashed into and bitten off the big German frontier salient which extended into France between Saarbruecken and Saarlaufen.

Meanwhile, the Council of Ministers was summoned to meet at the Presidential palace tonight. It was reported without confirmation that the Council intended to discuss possible formation of a war Cabinet.

Chain Many Villages Taken

Before the meeting Premier and War Minister Edouard Daladier conferred with U. S. Ambassador William C. Bullitt and the Polish and Rumanian Ambassadors.

Experts believed that the French were now in possession of a part of the Saar Valley.

The French had gained eight miles in that sector.

French shock troops pinched off

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REPORTS ZEPPELIN HAS BEEN BLOWN UP

London Paper Says Atlantic Airship Was Sabotaged.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 9 (U. P.)—The Netherlands Government today protested to Germany against violation of her neutrality in connection with the flights of German planes observed over Holland.

BUTLER'S AVIATION COURSE APPROVED

Butler University officials today received approval of the Civil Aeronautics Authority in Washington to conduct a student aviation course.

University authorities said that students enrolling for the fall semester could elect to take the course. Ground training will be given at the University and flight instruction at Municipal Airport, under direction of Elvan Tarkington, flight instructor. A. C. A. A. school is on the Purdue University curriculum.

INCREASE EXPECTED IN INDIANA GUARD

Indiana's National Guard will

probably be increased because of

President Roosevelt's limited emergency proclamation yesterday. Elmer F. Straub, Adjutant-General of Indiana, said today.

There are 4570 enlisted men and 391 officers in the National Guard now, he said, and because this state is so well organized, it is expected that more volunteers will be recruited in the state, less well organized.

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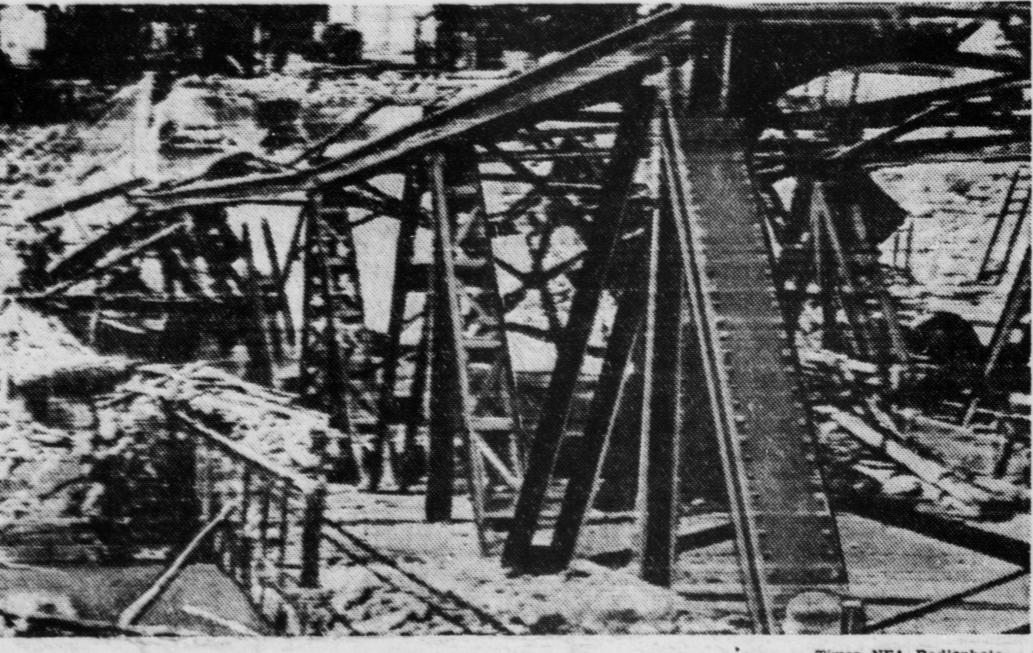
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'Bridge Out' in Wake of Polish Retreat



Times NEA Radiophoto.

CITY FACING RISE IN PRICE OF COAL

Extent of Increase Due to War 'Unpredictable.'

Indianapolis householders will pay higher prices for coal this winter.

H. A. Rogers, Indianapolis Coal Merchants' Association executive secretary, said today:

"How much the European conflict will affect coal prices is unpredictable."

Mr. Rogers said, "since it depends upon the extent and duration of the war."

"Wholesale prices are firming up and that will affect the retail market."

Some operators recently have advanced their prices on premium grades as much as 40 cents at the mine.

Tentative prices already have been issued by the National Bituminous Coal Commission, now holding daily hearings in Washington, which increase the cost per ton from 15 cents to 30 cents at the mine.

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