

FRENCH CLAIM 12 NAZI RAIDS ARE REPULSED

Berlin Reports Capture of Lieutenant Colonel as Plane Is Shot Down.

UNITED PRESS
The French High Command reported today that 12 German raids on the Western Front last night were repulsed by French artillery and machine guns.

The raids were described as taking place northwest of Wissembourg, France, and southwest of the Saarbruecken in the Warden Forest and along the Bliese River.

Berlin reported that a French general staff lieutenant colonel and three others were captured when a plane was brought down by anti-aircraft fire in German territory.

A second French plane, it was asserted, was shot down near Godesberg. Both planes were part of a French reconnaissance group which tried to fly over the Rhine near Bonn, it was said. The German High Command added that there was little artillery activity today on the Western Front.

Test French Positions

Bad weather restricted aviation to a few reconnaissance flights, it was announced by the French. One German reconnaissance plane was reported to have lost its way and landed inside the French lines.

The German raids were intended to test the strength of French positions.

An official announcement in Paris said President Albert Lebrun and Gen. Maurice Gustave Gamelin, commander-in-chief of the defense forces, had visited Gen. Gaston Georges, Army commander in chief, and Gen. Joseph Vuillemin, Air Force commander in chief, at their headquarters.

French war communiqué No. 67 said: "Reconnaissance elements are active on the whole front, notably in the region southwest of Saarbruecken."

Report Nazi Reinforcements

Germans have been counter-attacking in that region in an effort to keep the French from rolling big guns up within range of the main Westwall fortresses.

The military expert of the newspaper Petit Parisien said that the French High Command had gained an expert knowledge of German offensive tactics from Polish Army officers arriving in Paris.

Heavy reinforcements are arriving on the German front from Poland, it was reported, bolstering comparatively weak frontier gun detachments which had held the line heretofore.

German activity has centered on the south bank of the Saar between Saarbruecken and Saarbruecken where the French have been shelling Berus Crest, dominating Saarbruecken, and have seized Warden Forest from where they may attack Saarbruecken.

The Germans have been pushed so far back into the Saar Valley that their field guns cannot reach the major Maginot line fortresses, the French claim.

HINT SABOTAGE PLOT FOUND ON U.S. SHIP

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can-owned vessel before it reached a U.S. port.

Capt. A. E. Chilton, master of the Iroquois, wirelessed the Maritime Commission that a thorough search disclosed no explosives aboard the ship.

Word that an American convoy was expected to reach the Iroquois today cheered Mr. and Mrs. Patrick E. Sweeney, 4128 Carrollton Ave., whose son is believed to be on board.

He is the Rev. Fr. Cornelius P. Sweeney, former assistant pastor of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

The 26-year-old priest was sent to Rome last year by the Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis, to study canon law. He was to have remained three years. With a companion, the Rev. Fr. James P. Kilfoil of Vincennes—he was vacationing in the Iroquois—he was vacationing in Ireland when the war broke out, his father said.

Mr. Sweeney said he received an airmail letter from his son last week stating he would return home "in a month or two." Mr. Sweeney believes, however, his son meant to start as soon as possible but did not wish to worry his parents by letting them know when he was crossing the ocean.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE

County City

1938 65 51

1939 70 53

—October 6—

Injured 9 Accidents 11

Dead 0 Arrests 68

FRIDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convict. Fines

Violations Tried Paid

Speeding 4 4 \$60

Reckless driving 12 8 59

Failing to stop at 5 4 6

through street 5 4 6

Disobeying traffic signal 12 11 35

Drunk driving 10 4 90

All others 52 23 37

Totals 95 54 \$287

MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana Hotel Study Club, luncheon. Hotel Washington.

Bier Fest Reception, Club, reception and dinner. Hotel Washington, 6 p.m.

Giants meeting. Hotel Washington, 7:30 p.m.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

State Elks luncheon, Claypool Hotel.

Alpha Omicron Alpha, convention, luncheon. Hotel Lincoln, noon.

Rebekah Assembly, convention, Hotel Lincoln, all day.

FIRES

Friday

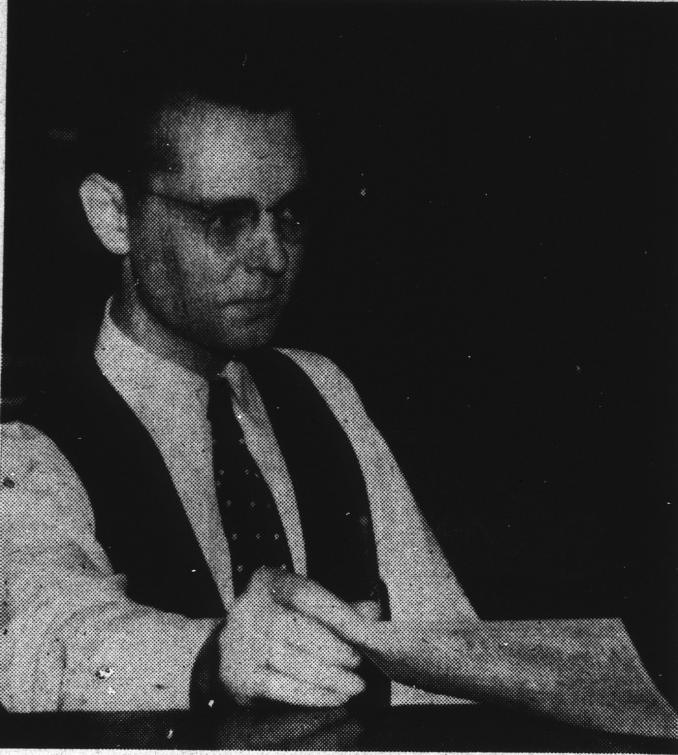
12:52 p.m., 2300 Brouse, false alarm.

2:52 p.m., 1402 E. 11th, residence, children.

6:18 p.m., 1000 N. Alameda and North, false alarm.

8:15 p.m., 229 N. West, church, cause unknown. Loss not estimated.

Taxes Delinquent After Nov. 6



Times Photo
James F. McGovern, clerk in the County Treasurer's office, examines a tax duplicate, one of thousands now being distributed for payment of the fall installment of county property taxes. The deadline for payment is Nov. 6. More than 3000 persons have already called for their duplicates.

Hitler's Balkan Threat Strains Rome-Berlin Axis

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as his partner and relegated Benito Mussolini to a secondary role in the axis.

In London it was said that the German Foreign Minister had brusquely brushed aside a peace formula proposed by Sig. Mussolini and taken to Berlin by his son-in-law and Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano. The British also reported that the Hitler peace offer was made against Premier Mussolini's strong advice and that the Duce had refused an invitation to go to Berlin and discuss the matter with the Fuehrer.

British newspapers scorned and ridiculed Herr Hitler's utterances, as did the newspapers in France, and both countries gave every sign of intensifying preparations for hostilities on a large scale.

The Allies, in "studying" Herr Hitler's terms when they are already certain they will reject them, are stalling for time, hoping that some miracle might happen at the last minute. At the same time, they do not want to present themselves to the world as deliberately prolonging the war and being unwilling to listen to any reasonable offer.

The Nazis are counting heavily on the British to do the same. The Nazis were made known in the delay, which they expect to be 10 days or two weeks. The Nazi propaganda machine was putting out feelers for neutral intervention, even by such frequent targets of its scorn as President Roosevelt and Pope Pius.

In Berlin there was obvious disappointment that Herr Hitler's speech had found such unsympathetic responses abroad. The official press asserted that the Fuehrer's proposals and assertions were again had proved his qualities of leadership and desire for peace.

Little Activity Reported

Inform and responsible Nazi quarters, seeking other means of ending hostilities and preserving Germany's gains of the past two years, suggested that the Fuehrer would be willing to make peace proposals in specific form if President Roosevelt would mediate between Germany and the Allied governments.

The German High Command reported little military activity but claimed to have captured a lieutenant colonel of the French General Staff. When a French plane was shot down over the German lines on the Western Front.

While the French saw no hope for peace in Herr Hitler's speech, President Albert Lebrun and Gen. Maurice Gustave Gamelin, commander in chief of the defense forces, had visited Gen. Gaston Georges, Army commander in chief, and Gen. Joseph Vuillemin, Air Force commander in chief, at their headquarters.

The situation on the Western Front was changed only by greatly intensified German patrol activity with the Reth forces apparently increasing their efforts to find weak spots in the French lines. The French War Office communiqué reported that during the night French artillery and machine gun outposts repulsed no less than 12 German raids near Wissembourg, outside

PIONEER WEST SIDE RESIDENT IS DEAD

Charles A. Lentz, pioneer West Side resident, died today at his home, 3431 W. 16th St., after an illness of a year and a half. He was 80 years old.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Mr. Lentz retired as a gardener 28 years ago. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical Church, the Gardner's Organization and Szwazan Dardin, an organization of German people.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday from the home. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Matilda B. Lentz, three sons, Henry, Louis and Arthur Lentz, two daughters, Mrs. Amelia Bibbs and Mrs. Anna Bueke, a brother, Robert Lentz, and a sister, Nancy Lentz, all of Indianapolis. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

NAZI FLIERS ATTACK TWO BRITISH SHIPS

LONDON, Oct. 7 (U.P.)—Two British minelayers were attacked today by German flying boats in the North Sea, the Admiralty announced. There were no casualties on either side.

Considerable German air activity has been noted over the North Sea, it was reported in London circles today—a reminder of Nazi threats to bomb the British fleet in force unless Adolf Hitler's peace terms were accepted.

Reports that Germany had a fleet of long distance bombing planes available to attack Atlantic merchant shipping convoys were discounted in Admiralty circles.

Convoys are arriving regularly at British ports, it was said, without a single loss.

The Admiralty has organized a hunt for the German raider which sank the British merchantman Cleopatra off the Brazilian Coast.

It was said today that the Admiralty was not completely satisfied that it was the Admiral Scheer.

Ohio—Cloudy and warm with showers in eastern and southern portions; cool in north and northern portions.

Illinoi—Mostly cloudy, occasional rain tomorrow and in north and central portions; cool in north and northern portions tomorrow.

Michigan—Mostly cloudy tonight; warm and cool in south portions; cool tomorrow.

Kentucky—Cloudy with local showers in eastern and northern portions; slightly warmer and more humid tonight; cool tomorrow.

West:—William, Frances Shaw, at 1023 N. West; William, Eva Sanders, at 1717 Massachusetts; Lee, Marie Penncoff, at 1860 Applegate.

DEATHS

Branch, Oliver, 24, at Long, typhoid fever.

McDonald, Kirk, 85, at 4720 E. 12th, carcinoma.

Alfred, Washburn, 74, at City, coronary thrombosis.

Joseph, Dorman, 87, at 2030 Carrollton, apoplexy.

Oliver, Matlock, 80, at 4842 Winthrop, pulmonary tuberculosis.

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