

# STALIN UNMASKED!

## NAZIS PLEDGE MEDIATION OFFER STUDY

Netherlands, Belgium Get  
Reassuring Messages  
From German Officials.

Amsterdam Takes Steps  
to Prevent Spread of  
'Scare' Reports on War.

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AMSTERDAM, Nov. 11.—(INS)—Germany tonight formally advised the Netherlands that the peace mediation offer of Queen Wilhelmina and King Leopold would be "carefully and earnestly studied" by the German government.

This reassuring message was conveyed at the Hague by the German minister in a call on the Dutch foreign minister. It followed an emphatic denial by official Dutch sources of a report spread abroad that Germany had delivered a virtual ultimatum expiring Monday and demanding naval and air bases in Holland.

With the tension diminishing somewhat but still present the American minister to The Hague it was learned, is advising American nationals by letter to make arrangements to leave Holland while transportation facilities are still available. American women and children should "leave now," the minister's advice read.

**NATIONALS WARNED.**  
British nationals in the Netherlands also are being privately warned to quit the country, it was understood.

The German promise that Adolf Hitler and his associates would give serious thought to the Leopold-Wilhelmina offer, made last Tuesday after an all-night conference between the two sovereigns in the royal palace at the Hague, immediately calmed fears that a German invasion of Holland or Belgium might be imminent.

**'SCARE' REPORTS OUT.**  
It was understood in Amsterdam a similar promise was being conveyed to the Belgian government by the German ambassador in Brussels.

Meanwhile, the Netherlands government took definite steps to prevent "scare" reports, arising from Dutch military precautions, from receiving wide circulation.

Foreign correspondents were warned that official measures including strict censorship may have to be taken by the Dutch regime "in order to control reports of an over-sensational type appearing abroad."

In well-informed circles the impression was spreading that the present crisis was waning.

**Belgians Warned to Prepare for Anything**  
BRUSSELS, Nov. 11.—(INS)—With the German-Belgian frontier partially closed, Defense Minister Lieut. Gen. Henri Dens in an Armistice day radio speech tonight cautioned the people of Belgium:

"We must prepare at once for any eventuality."

Fresh from long consultations with King Leopold and the cabinet, the nation's defense chief explained Belgium's precautionary measures as reports from Europe stated that traffic into Germany's heavily-fortified area south of Aachen had been halted near the point where Belgian, Dutch and German territories converge.

As Holland and Belgium drew closer together for possible mutual aid in any emergency, the Dutch minister to Belgium, Van H. T. Blooten, held a lengthy conference in Brussels with Belgian Foreign Minister Paul-Henry Spaak. The nature of the conversation was not divulged.

Although the day passed without the surprise blow many had expected Adolf Hitler to strike on the twenty-first anniversary of imperial Germany's World war surrender, foreign belligerent warplanes flew over Belgium and Holland at increasingly frequent intervals.

**SHIPS WITHDRAWN.**  
Two German planes, pursued by British squadrons, flew over Belgium in the vicinity of Tournai at noon.

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## Pope Voices His Sympathy With Peace Proposal

Pius Sends Belgian King  
Message Expressing  
Appreciation.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 11.—(INS)—King Leopold of Belgium today received a message from Pope Pius XII in which the ruler of the Catholic church declared his whole-hearted sympathy and appreciation for the offer to mediate the European war made by the Belgian and Netherlands monarchs.

"We have very much appreciated the noble sentiments which inspired the message of your majesty and the queen of the Netherlands," the pope's communication said.

"We pray that our Saviour, who holds in His hands all human hearts and directs human events, will make a pathway to true and lasting peace."

The pontiff's message to Leopold followed authoritative reports that through diplomatic channels his holiness has appealed to Germany, France and Great Britain urging their sympathetic consideration of the mediation proposal.

The Belgian foreign office announced King Leopold also received a telegraphic message from Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain expressing the "profound interest" of his country in the possibility of re-establishing peace.

## American Army School Proposed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(INS)—Citing need for a bigger and better trained army, as well as for "more intelligence in the ranks," Representative Kent Keller (Democrat, Illinois), today announced he will introduce a bill in the next session of congress to set up an "American army school."

Under its provisions, the bill contemplates ultimately taking 100,000 young men, all volunteers, each year and giving them a three-year education which would include not more than two hours a day of military drill. On this latter point Keller is insistent.

"One of the great troubles with armies is the lack of intelligence of the men in the ranks," he declared. "I believe the greatest reason for this is the fact that the men are drilled and drilled, hour after hour in simple things, that the men are made into machines, and suffer a lack of sorely needed intelligence thereby."

Specifically the bill would start with only 21,000 volunteers and then work up to 100,000 a year—all between 15 and 18 years of age. They would be chosen on the basis of about 250 from each congressional district and turned over to the war department, which would set up and run several schools throughout the country.

**GERMAN PRINCE  
DEATH CLAIMED**  
LONDON, Nov. 12.—(Sunday)—(INS)—Unconfirmed reports in usually reliable German circles said today that Crown Prince Wilhelm has been benched by the Nazi government, according to a Copenhagen dispatch published in the people. Previous reports of a similar trend concerning the son of former Kaiser Wilhelm have been denied by the German government.

**British Ship Lost  
on German Flight**  
LONDON, Nov. 11.—(INS)—Deep penetration of Germany by the Royal Air Force was announced today in an official bulletin, but it was admitted that one British plane was lost.

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## War at a Glance

HELSENGFORS—Finnish leaders conceded that their talks with Russia are near a deadlock.

AMSTERDAM—Dutch officials declared today that Germany has renewed her assurances she will respect Holland's neutrality.

WASHINGTON—A bitter fight in the January session of congress was predicted if American ships are permitted to change their registry and sail in zones of combat.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE—French officers told H. R. Knickerbocker that the big German offensive may come at any minute and that they are prepared.

BERLIN—Nazi high command warns Germany won't advertise route of drive. Hitler pays tribute to beer cellar dead.

BRUSSELS—King Leopold prepares to assume role of late King Albert as German army masses on border. Determined to resist.

## GERMAN POLICE TRAIL MUNICH BOMB SUSPECT

Blame Laid to British as  
Hitler Attends Rites for  
Seven Killed in Plot.

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—Police are hot on the trail of a suspect in their hunt for the perpetrators of the Munich bomb explosion which Adolf Hitler narrowly escaped. It was announced tonight by Heinrich Himmler, chief of the German secret service.

Himmler said evidence thus far uncovered indicates the assassination plot was carefully prepared as long ago as last August, just before Britain and France declared war on Germany.

The police investigation, he said, is now concentrating on efforts to locate and seize a man who "sneaked" into the beer cellar disguised as a craftsman on the pretext of making repairs to the gallery.

Appealing to all Germans to help find the suspect, Himmler described the man as being 30 to 35 years old, dark-haired and about five feet, nine inches tall. Rewards totalling \$300,000 have been offered for information leading to his capture.

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# STALIN GLOATS AS STRIFE SWEEPS OVER WORLD

## Ruler of Red Hordes Schemes Against Liberty-Loving Peoples While New War Divides Nations

(Stalin is the most powerful individual in the world today. His shadow, already on all of Europe and Asia, stretches across the rest of the world. The immensity of his power rests not only on his domination of Russia, where he is successor to Ivan the Terrible, but on his dictatorship of the far-flung Third or Communist International. To understand the present-day world, to understand the second World war, a knowledge of this mysterious, contradictory Stalin is necessary. To give the reader such a knowledge Eugene Lyons is eminently qualified. For six years, as a foreign correspondent, he lived within the ominous shadow of Stalin in Moscow. He was the first correspondent to interview Stalin after his rise to power. His book, "Assignment to Utopia," has been a best seller for two years, and he is regarded as the outstanding authority in America on Soviet Russia. In this the first of a series of 20 articles, Mr. Lyons begins his intimate and revealing picture of the dictator, Stalin.)

By EUGENE LYONS.  
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CHAPTER I.

A dark-visaged, peck-marked, slow-moving Asiatic dominates the landscape of world affairs today. His shadow stretches ominously across two continents and his influence is inescapable on all continents of the earth. The clamorous news of a war-torn world makes no sense without reference to this man's power and personality.

Born Yossif Vissarionovich Djughashvili, in a shoemaker's hovel in a backward town of the Caucasus. Known to history as Joseph Stalin. Until nearly 20, a seminarist preparing for the priesthood. Supreme ruler of all the Russians by the time he was 50. And today, on the edge of 60, reaching out methodically for dominion far beyond the frontiers of his own country.

Stalin is unquestionably the most powerful individual in the world today: a vengeful demigod to part of mankind, an awe-inspiring demon to the rest. His might cannot be measured merely by the size of Russia, even now that its Western borders are being pushed more deeply into Europe. Because Stalin is not merely the despotic head of a vast state. He is also the inflexible leader of a new faith. This dual role of the master of the Kremlin must always be born in mind, to estimate truly his place in our immediate world.

## Exercises Absolute Power

He rules the immensity of Russia, with its 170,000,000 inhabitants, its 175 different national and racial groups, its eight million square miles—from the Arctic to the semi-tropics, from Poland to the Pacific. He rules it more arbitrarily than any Tsar in a thousand years of absolutism.

Neither Ivan the Terrible nor Peter the Great, though the trappings of their despotism were more showy, actually exercised half the control over his subjects that Stalin does. They had neither the great army nor the massive and efficient secret police that the present uncrowned Tsar has at his disposal. They were content with political domination whereas Stalin monopolizes economic life, and through his control of all channels of education and propaganda, also monopolizes the minds of his people.

Besides—and this is something generally overlooked when comparing modern with former dictators—Stalin has at his command the technical instruments for making his will effective instantaneously in the remotest village of his domain. He has radio and airplanes, printing presses and telegraph lines, machine guns and armored cars. Each of these products of science multiplies a present-day dictator's strength a thousandfold.

Stalin uses these new tools of power to the utmost. But at the core he remains true to the old Russian pattern: he remains an Asiatic despot, his slightest wish outweighing all the decrees of his puppet "commissars" and "legislatures." One must have witnessed Stalin's absolutism in close-up, as I have done for six continuous years, to believe it, since the Western mind can scarcely imagine such might.

## People Dragged to Doom

I recall a nightmare period when terror reigned in 70,000 Russian villages. Even Sidney and Beatrice Webb, apologists for the Kremlin brutalities, have admitted that 1,000,000 peasant families—some 5,000,000 men, women and children—were then uprooted and dumped in distant wildernesses and deserts to survive if they could. I saw trainloads of the miserable victims being dragged to their doom in filthy cattle-cars. As an expression of Stalin's power this wholesale destruction of human life was endlessly impressive.

Far more impressive, however, was the ease and abruptness with which Stalin called off the horror

## SOVIET DEAF TO FINLAND PROPOSALS

Russia Adamant in Claim  
to Mainland Naval Base  
as Counter Offer Ignored.

New Ultimatum Is Mapped  
by Moscow as Envoys  
Return for Consultation.

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 11.—(INS)—Dictator Josef Stalin tonight announced the Soviet union was unable to accept the counter proposals of Finland and would definitely not renounce Soviet claim to a naval base on the Finnish mainland, according to reports from the Finnish capital.

A fresh memorandum prepared by the Soviet government compels the Finnish delegation to return from Moscow for consultations with their government, it was stated.

**Finland Demands  
Soviet Concessions**

HELSINGFORS, Nov. 11.—With Soviet-Finnish negotiations deadlocked in a renewed crisis, Finnish Foreign Minister Erko tonight declared his nation "has gone as far as possible" and demanded that Russia now make concessions in order that an agreement may be reached.

Erko's statement, issued at the Finnish foreign office, was a direct attack on a Soviet statement issued today by Tass, official Russian news agency, charging that Finland is maintaining an "irreconcilable attitude" in the Kremlin talks which now have lasted many weeks.

## ERKKO'S REPLY

Tass also charged the Finns have made no new concessions. The agency said Finland's negotiators "not only have not met the minimum proposals of the Soviet Union, but on the contrary they intensify their irreconcilable attitude."

Replying to the agency's statements—which reflect Kremlin views—Erko said:

"Finland, while maintaining her present standpoint, has gone as far as possible in concessions without upsetting the independence and neutrality of the country."

"On the other hand Finland finds that Russia must also make concessions in order that an agreement may be possible."

## SEEK COMPROMISE

From Erko's declaration authoritative circles drew the conclusion Finland is seeking a compromise with the Soviet union, especially with regard to Russian demands for a naval base and possibly an air base on the Finnish mainland, at the entrance to the strategic gulf of Finland.

As a result of the impasse the Soviet will draft a written memorandum on the serious course of the negotiations which will be presented to the Finnish delegation possibly tomorrow, it was reported. Following this appearance at the Kremlin the delegation, it was believed, will return to the Finnish capital for a third time to consult with the government on the written statement.



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DICTATOR JOSEPH STALIN  
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temporarily. In the midst of the nightmare he decided to issue a brief letter calling for a halt—and instantly the horror that he had ordered ceased. It is thus that he turns on at will the faucets of death, torture, terror for tens of millions—and thus that he turns them off at will. He disposes of a few million human lives more casually than any herder disposes of his cattle. His simplest word of praise catapults a nobody to glory; his hint of a frown means extinction for those seemingly on the heights of power.

But beyond that, Stalin rules over another empire that cuts across all borders, as the dictator of the Third or Communist International. It is a strange power—the strangest in human history in many ways. In some areas of the world it flourishes above ground and sends its spokesmen into national parliaments. In other areas it lives furtively underground, outlawed and persecuted. But everywhere its citizens bring to Stalin an allegiance transcending loyalties to their own land.

## A Fantastic Conspiracy

Thus Stalin is simultaneously an omnipotent Tsar over one-sixth of the earth's habitable surface—and the omnipotent director of a fantastic conspiracy in the other five-sixths. For a long time, even after he was the real master of Russia, the outside world ignored him. He has none of the flash of a Hitler or Mussolini to attract attention. He "grew" on the world imperceptibly. That has ever been his method—to gather the strands of authority silently, in the shadows.

Stalin was underestimated by the Tsarist secret police when he was a professional revolutionist in the political underworld of the old Russia. He was dimly underestimated by his associates in the first years of the revolution. And only in recent years has the world beyond Russia become really conscious of him. Today, with his Red armies on the Baltic, that consciousness has suddenly been intensified to alarm.

But the more the world becomes aware of Stalin, the less it understands him. The larger his image grows, the more enigmatic it seems. Somehow Stalin cannot be fitted into any neat category of greatness. He defies classification because he has few of the distinctive marks of genius—neither mental brilliance nor physical prowess; neither inspired thinking nor messianic fervor.

In vain we seek in Stalin's make-up for the divine spark of a Napoleon, a Lenin, or even a Hitler. We discover only the commonplace and banal stuff of a routine politician. More of this ordinary stuff, but no better in quality, so that the difference between Stalin and one of his lowly provincial secretaries seems a difference only in scale. He is bigger rather than greater, "blown up," and exceptional only in the magnitude of

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## U. S. CHAMBER CALLS FOR TAX SETUP CHANGE

Sweeping Revision of Structure Suggested for Committee's Study.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(INS) Calling upon congress for a sweeping revision of the federal revenue structure, the U. S. chamber of commerce today declared "the primary consideration for a sound revenue system is the encouragement of private industry, private investment and private employment."

"Increased business activity is the only dependable, permanent source of increased revenue, and our tax policies, together with all other governmental policies, should be directed towards this objective," the chamber said.

The chamber called for 40 changes in the present tax laws to stimulate business enterprise. Its program was formulated at a meeting this week of its federal finance committee and will be presented to congress in January when hearings are to be resumed by the house ways and means committee on tax legislation.

Recommendations for changes were presented to Undersecretary of the Treasury John W. Hanes, who is in charge of the government's study of the revenue problem. The chamber told Hanes that no tax program could be made effective that would produce the \$2,500,000,000 needed to meet federal expenditures expected this year.

The chamber said the "limited revenue act of 1939 was definitely beneficial to the upturn in business and employment, which began soon after adoption of that act" and predicted that the "current recovery pace would be accelerated by further rational changes in the federal tax structure."

It urged a long-range tax system, based upon these principles: "The adjustment of tax rates to encourage maximum business activity and enlarged revenues. "Assurance of stability and certainty in the revenue system. "Ease and simplicity of administration."

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his cynical cruelty and the craftiness of his methods. His flare is for intrigue rather than policy. He has a million henchmen but not a single friend. Millions grovel before him in awe, not one stands before him in free admiration.

Where we look confidently in Stalin's character for the fire of genius, we find only smoldering mediocrity. For all its extraordinary climax, his career is as dull as that of a money-grubber. In the most calculating fashion, patiently and persistently, he accumulated power as another might have accumulated dollars.

It is because we try to adjust him to the ordinary design of great leaders that he remains a mystery. And also because we try to measure him with Western yardsticks, whereas he is profoundly Asiatic, Byzantine. For clues to his amazing rise we must look in the mountainous Caucasus which cradled him, and in the history of the flat sprawling Russia that is his step-motherland. His counterpart will not be found in the succession of conquerors from Charlemagne to Mussolini and Hitler, but among the half-mad company that counts Genghis Khan and Ivan the Terrible, the Ottoman Sultans and Peter the Great.

For six years I lived in the deepening shadow of Stalin's ruthlessness and watched him build the edifice of his tyrannical might. I saw his offhand massacre of innocents in man-made famines, and sat through many of the fantastic demonstration purge trials. Once I remained in Stalin's presence for hours, in the first interview he had given to a foreign reporter since his rise to power—and once is a lot for this least accessible of rulers.

### Close to Him

I have spent days and months with a number of the men around him—most of whom he has since killed off. My own daughter was the schoolmate, during one year, of Stalin's two young children; every evening two cats waited outside the school—one for the American child, another for the dictator's boy and girl. I have also known people who had come close to the private Stalin, the human being under the fearsome public image.

Year after year, because the man Stalin fascinated me, I have followed carefully his every word and his every political gesture. My purpose in these articles, therefore, is neither to glorify nor to vilify him. I want to attempt the more difficult task—to understand him. It is not a moral judgment on Stalin that is called for, but some elementary understanding of the forces that shaped him. There is no more

logic in reviling a phenomenon like Stalin than in reviling an earthquake. The problem is to learn something about the volcanic pressures that produced him and the likely effects of the disaster.

That I consider him a disaster I want to put on record at the outset. The Russian revolution, like all great human events, had in it much that was noble and much that was terrible. Stalin's destiny has been to empty that revolution of its elements of nobility, leaving chiefly the horror.

### The Secret?

What is the secret of the rise of "Soso" Djughashvili, the peasant-cobbler's boy, to Joseph Stalin, virtual Tsar of all the Russias and high-priest of international Bolshevism? How did this man of essentially, blunted intelligence, match his shrewdness against scintillating minds like Trotsky's and Bukharin's, and wrest control from their hands?

To understand that we must know a good deal about the Caucasus where Stalin was born and raised. In many ways he typifies the Caucasus, seems almost the personification of the Caucasian character; in other ways he has freed himself of the Caucasus, tempering his will by squelching violently many traits



THE EXILED LEON TROTSKY Robbed of his natural heritage.

typical of his birthplace and his Georgian people.

To understand him we must also know a good deal about the nature of Bolshevism. The most important event of the world war took place neither on battlefields nor in conference rooms. It was the Russian revolution. Unlike any that went before, that revolution which overthrew an ancient dynasty was not merely political. It was at the same time economic, social, spiritual. It left no corner of life intact. Above all, it saw the triumph of a great elemental force that called itself Bolshevism.

### World Misled

The world outside mistook it for "socialism" in the sense that the idea had been preached and argued in Europe for generations. Some of its own leaders mistook it for socialism—they have since then paid with their lives for the mistake, with Joseph Stalin, the true Bolshevik, collecting that price with his own hands. In truth Bolshevism under the European socialist labels, was deeply Russian, deeply Asiatic. I shall go into that in some detail in later articles—because it ex-

plains the inevitability of Stalin's succession to Lenin.

Shortly before his death, as we shall see, Lenin, the father of Bolshevism, warned his followers against Stalin and urged that they clip his soaring wings. Nevertheless, Stalin is the true successor to Lenin. It is no accident that the others—especially Leon Trotsky, who seemed the natural heir—fell by the way. They had too much of Europe, of the West, in their make-up.

The slow, plodding Caucasian Stalin—more dependent on instinct than on logic, hating the world he lived in, pathological in his craving for personal power—was a more appropriate instrument for Bolshevism. He was the true leader for the new officialdom, risen from the dregs and hungering for authority. He was the true expression of masses itching above all else to avenge an oppressive past.

Bolshevism in turn spawned an ugly brood of fascist offshoots elsewhere in the world; adaptations of the idea to local conditions and local resentments. Taken together they represent the explosive stuff in the world today. Charges of its dynamite are imbedded in every nation, in colonial regions, among unawakened races.

### The Explosion

Already it has exploded Europe into a new war quite unlike the one that went before—a war of "ideologies," new and old faiths, that recalls the prolonged religious conflicts of an earlier era. And the end is not yet. Even when the war is brought to a close, it may mean little more than a truce in the larger struggle that is remolding the world.

The uneasy forebodings of Europe—and Europe in this sense includes America—have found echoes in prophecies of the "decline of the West," of the victory of Asia over Europe. It needs no prophetic insight to recognize the outlines of a totalitarian bloc stretching from the Rhine to the Japanese islands, halfway across the world. We can see it crystallizing out, obscurely, though we can only guess at its final form. It asserts itself in the vision of "world revolution" nurtured by Moscow; in the "new order in Asia" for which Japanese are killing and dying; in the paranoiac insistence on a redivision of the world in Nazi Germany.

This whole process finds its focus in Stalin. Geographically he stands astride both continents. Psychologically he sums up the reaction against the West—against its middle-class morality, its Judeo-Christian ethics, its sentimental emphasis on individual dignity and freedom. In getting closer to a knowledge of Stalin, we are getting closer to the deepest currents of change in the history of mankind at this juncture.

(In tomorrow's Light, Eugene Lyons tells of Stalin's parents, their influence on the boy, and the family background in the cobbler's society of backward Georgia.)

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## GERMANY WILL STUDY OFFER OF MEDIATION

Promise to Consider Plan of Belgians, Dutch Sent by Berlin Government.

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disappearing over the North sea. Formations of three unidentified foreign planes passed over the Belgian towns of Erquennes and Binche twice, according to reports reaching Brussels.

Anti-aircraft batteries at Dunkirk today opened fire on two German planes apparently trying to bomb that important northwestern French seaport, just below Belgium's southwestern corner. Retreating, the German planes flew over a Belgian coastal district.

The Belgian news agency, meanwhile reported from the Hague that Dutch lightships have been withdrawn from the Rhine and other internal waterways, presumably in the flood-defense districts.

The official Belgian gazette, *Moniteur*, published details of a food rationing system which, it said, "will be eventually established."

But, in spite of the virtually parallel defensive measures being swiftly instituted by both Belgium and Holland, the fears that have swept the lowlands for the past two days noticeably diminished, though the situation remained full of uncertainty.

### 600,000 TROOPS.

In his speech, Defense Minister Denis made it plain this uncertainty was the prime motivating reason for Belgium's virtual mobilization of some 600,000 troops, rather than any specific indication of an imminent thrust by Germany or any other belligerent across neutral Belgian soil.

He explained the details of the military requisitioning of automobiles, trucks and horses and said the government is devising ways of paying owners for everything being requisitioned. He said there was no plan for the moment to requisition food supplies, but indicated this might be done.

The defense minister was to have delivered his radio address Friday night, but he was compelled to postpone it when King Leopold suddenly summoned him to the palace for a two-hour consultation followed by an extraordinary meeting of the cabinet.

### TRAMWAYS BARRED

The partial closing of the frontier occurred in the district where Eupen, Belgium, is located about ten miles opposite Aachen; the historic seat of the medieval Teutonic kings. Tramways and other conveyances were barred from crossing the border and hundreds of Belgian workmen, many of them of German ancestry, were prevented from going to their jobs in Germany this morning.

The La Calme highway, however, was left open, and thus trans-frontier travel in the area was restricted to one route between Eupen and Aachen. This diverted traffic away from the big forts south of Aachen which form some of the main bulwarks of the Siegfried line.

It was understood the German authorities had closed all the frontier routes leading to the region from Aachen southward to the Luxembourg border, just north of the present Moselle-Rhine fighting front.

This led to the conjectures that new military concentrations may be in progress south of Aachen or that a German offensive against France may be about to begin.

### WARNED TO LEAVE

No general requests were yet made to Americans and Britons in Belgium and Holland to evacuate, though an unofficial committee of the British colony in Brussels today advised all British subjects, who could do so, to arrange immediately to leave the country.

The American embassy remained open today, despite the Armistice day holiday, and planned to keep open tomorrow.

His youthful face worn by worry, King Leopold led his nation in commemoration of the twenty-first anniversary of the Armistice while his government admitted for the first time that the situation created by Europe's new war is "serious."

Accompanied by his brother, Prince Charles, and his eldest son and heir to the throne, Prince Baudouin, the monarch led the pilgrimage to the tomb of Belgium's unknown soldier.

Thousands lined the streets of Brussels as the king led his troops to the tomb. He wore the uniform of a lieutenant general of the army, with a broad red sash across his breast.

## Consuls to Direct Evacuation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(INS)—The state department today continued to allow its Belgian and Netherlands diplomatic and consular stations to handle evacuation plans that might be necessary for the safety of American nationals in the two countries.

No orders from Washington, evacuating American nationals from Belgium and Holland were contemplated, officials said. They repeated earlier assertions that American diplomatic and consular representatives abroad have authority at all times to use their judgment in urging Americans to leave danger zones.

## COURT ACTION ON 'TRUST' DUE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(INS) The Chicago "milk trust" case, key prop in the "trust-busting" program of Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold, today was scheduled for argument in the Supreme court next week, probably Tuesday.

The case brings before the court the question of whether congress, in enacting the new deal AAA, removed production and marketing of farm products from the scope of the Sherman anti-trust law.

After a federal district court ruled that congress had done this, the government appealed to the high tribunal. A second question was whether farmer-co-operators are exempted from anti-trust prosecution. The government also challenges a lower court's ruling that congress did grant the exemptions.

In the Chicago case, the government charged scores of big milk distributors, members of the Chicago board of health, labor union officials and farm officials of the pure milk association and others with conspiring to keep up prices and "freeze out" competition in the Chicago fluid milk market.

Should the high court reject the government's contention, many industries based upon use of farm products would be freed from danger of prosecution under anti-trust laws.

## TWO INJURED AS CARS CRASH

A collision between two autos at Van Ness and Hackberry streets Saturday night resulted in injuries to two persons.

Head cuts and bruises were suffered by G. E. Scott, 56, 600, Porter street, driver of one vehicle, and Ola Gaston, 21, of Wetmore, a passenger in a car driven by C. H. Chapman, 23, Fort Sam Houston soldier.

## McEvoy Settles \$1627 on Ex-Wife

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Nov. 11.—(INS) Attorney for Mrs. Mary McEvoy, former wife of J. P. McEvoy, author, humorist and motion picture scenarist, announced today their client's judgment for \$3,255 against McEvoy had been settled.

Circuit Judge William L. Pierce, upon agreement by counsel, reduced the judgment which Mrs. McEvoy claimed her former husband owed her for alimony arrears to \$1,627.00. McEvoy also was granted a reduction in alimony from \$35 to \$24 a week.

## Stars to Attend Premiere of Film

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 11.—(INS) Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh, co-stars of the movie, "Gone With the Wind," will be in Atlanta December 15 for the premiere showing of the film, it was announced today.

In a message to Mayor W. B. Hartsfield, Howard Dietz, M. G. M. publicity director in New York, stated that Gable and Miss Leigh would arrive here in a chartered airplane from Hollywood December 14 in time to attend a reception in connection with the premiere.

## Judge Anderson Lauds Boys' Club

In a letter addressed to directors of the Boys' club of San Antonio, Charles W. Anderson, Bexar county juvenile judge, Saturday stated that none of the 1000 underprivileged boys of the club had ever appeared in his court. Judge Anderson praised the work being done by Boys' club.



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## BOMB SUSPECT BEING TRAILED

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the arrest of the perpetrator of the bombing.

Nazi circles already have intimated that fragments of the bomb indicate the missile was of "foreign" manufacture and have hinted their suspicion that the British intelligence service had a hand in the conspiracy.

Hitler flew to Munich today and attended the funeral of the seven Nazis killed in the blast, all of whom were buried with impressive ceremony in a common grave. The fuhrer also went to a hospital and visited the 63 men injured in the explosion, then visited the Burgerbrau to inspect the debris.

At the cemetery, the fuhrer sat with bowed head as Nazidom's number three man, Deputy Party Leader Rudolf Hess, delivered the eulogy, declaring:

"The realization that fuhrer Hitler was to have been wiped out has aroused the passion of the German people. The instigators of this crime have at last taught the German people to hate."

### "GREATEST CRIME"

"Fuhrer Hitler has been presented to us anew, faith in providence will continue to save the fuhrer because providence sent him to us."

"We are convinced that even the results of the greatest crime—the war—will turn out in favor of Germany. A German victory will bring real peace to the world and definitely stop the war-mongers."

"The instigators of this crime wanted to weaken Germany. Instead, they have reassured her in her conviction of final victory. Even if they start hell moving, victory will be ours."

Before the mass funeral, thousands through Friday night filed by the hiers of the bombing victims as they lay in state in Munich's Field Marshal hall.

At the hospital Hitler chatted with each one of his wounded "old comrades," wishing each speedy recovery.

The fuhrer returned to Berlin by airplane, landing at Tempelhof airfield at 8:30 o'clock this evening and proceeding to his chancellery to resume his duties.

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