

14. The fact still remains, however, to which all impartial observers and diplomats are agreed, that a German attack on Holland or Belgium, or both, would be an inexpedient if not fatal mistake for Germany, especially at this time when Germany is concerned over the situation in Scandinavia; and it is reliably reported that even in certain high German army circles they are also aware of the imprudence of an assault on the Low Countries. This does not remove the possibility of a desperate or misjudged "gambler's" chance" on the part of Herr Hitler. As Sir Neville Henderson has pointed out in the report of his mission in Berlin (Cmd. 6115, Para. 18), when Hitler hesitates to force an issue in some direction because of indecision or realization of the risk, he is liable to be pressed by the extremists around him into a reckless forward policy.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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