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CHAMBERLAIN

(The English today were recovering from their transports of last week's jubilation.) There's still relief that there's no war, and that those trenches dug in Hyde Park won't have to be used for some time to come at any rate. But they ~~were~~ beginning to make wry faces over the price ~~that~~ John Bull has had to pay for his peace, *arrangement. For instance* The House of Commons today presented quite a different scene from what it did a few days ago. Prime Minister Chamberlain last week was cheered to the echo by both sides, *— those cheers of relief.* opponents as well as friends, Today, on the floor of the House there were boos and catcalls mingled with the cheers. (Now that peace is an accomplished fact, the leaders of the opposition took their fling at the aged Premier, said he had paid a shameful price, had rubbed the nose of John Bull in the dust. ~~Said~~ *Sir* Clement Atlee, the Labor leader: "There's no doubt it was a tremendous victory *And," he added,* for Hitler, *and* one of the greatest diplomatic defeats this country and France ever sustained.")

Then up spoke the leader of the Liberals, another small wing of the opposition, who cried: "We shall live to rue the day when His Majesty's government sold the freedom of Central Europe."

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The only Communist member of the British Parliament shouted at him: "You're nothing but Hitler's post-man."

( Chamberlain today gave out one interesting piece of information. It referred to the part that Mussolini had played in the conference. The memorandum which Chamberlain and Daladier accepted as a basis for discussion had been drawn up by Mussolini and his Foreign Minister, Son-in-Law Count Ciano. )

Speaking about President Roosevelt's messages, the Prime Minister said "they showed how the voice of the most powerful nation in the world can make itself heard across three thousand miles of ocean and sway the minds of the men of Europe."

Chamberlain made two important announcements. Britain is going to rearm more quickly and more powerfully than ever. He also made it public that Great Britain had loaned the Czechs two million dollars, which they will sorely need after losing so much rich territory to Germany.

CZECH

( In the City of Prague there was gloom today, gloom mixed with bewilderment. The unhappy Czechs are in a position of even now not knowing how much their country will be dismembered. ) They won't know until the plebiscites have been held in various districts and the international commission has made its <sup>final</sup> decisions.

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The British government today asked for volunteers to do special police duty in the areas where plebiscites are to be held. They've asked the British Legion of World War Veterans to supply a thousand men to keep the peace in those disputed districts for six or eight weeks while the elections are pending.

E9

( At Eger, the town which has become the capital of Sudetenland, there was wild rejoicing today. Fuehrer Hitler made his triumphal entry and formally accepted possession of his new domains from the hands of Konrad Henlein, the Sudeten leader. ) It was the customary Nazi demonstration. Hitler made one of his characteristic speeches, declaring that Germany's new territory would never, never again be separated from the Reich. This was greeted with roars from the crowd, shouting, "We thank our Fuehrer!"

~~As he continued his speech, there xxxxxx were wild cries of "Sieg heil!", hail victory!~~

Six Czech officers and soldiers were arrested at the airport at Eger. They had returned to the airfield out of curiosity just to see what was going on. In another part of Sudetenland, near Carlsbad, forty Czech soldiers were overtaken by members of the Sudeten Free Corps. The Czech soldier surrendered. The Sudetens disarmed them and allowed them to go their way in peace.

The German soldiers, as they entered Sudetenland carried flowers stuck into the barrels of their rifles, flowers instead of bayonets.

Throughout Germany there were demonstrations of the wildest relief. Judging from the scenes that took place today and the expressions that were uttered, the German people at large would not have welcomed a war. All the cries that could be heard from the crowds today were expressions of relief that war had been avoided. One man said to Webb Miller, head of the United Press Bureau in Europe: "This is the beginning of the United States of Europe." And he added: "From now on we can live in peace with the French, the English, and everyone." At the famous Hofbrau House in Munich, by actual count seventeen thousand quarts of beer were

drunk.

The Berlin Foreign Office stated:- "Germany is now ready to establish a neighbor with the new Czechoslovakia on the basis of friendly relations." And the statement added: "The next task is to wipe out the errors of the past and create a new basis for security. Chancellor Hitler is anxious to establish a basis of general peace not only with Czechoslovakia but for all Europe."

PRAGUE

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There's no truth in the rumor that Dr. Benes is going to resign as President of Czechoslovakia. However, it seemed probable today that the Cabinet of General Syrový, the Prime Minister, will be reorganized. The general will continue to be Premier but several members of the former Cabinet who had resigned with Premier Hodza will join General Syrový.

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Incidentally, Premier Hodza himself will ~~become~~ <sup>probably become</sup> a member of the Cabinet. ~~probably~~ Also the Slovaks will be more largely represented in the reorganized government of the country.



RUSSIA

The Soviet Government of Moscow is ~~slightly~~ miffed. The Bolsheviki rulers resent the report that Premier Daladier of France represented them at the four-power conference in Munich and was authorized to speak for them. An official statement from Moscow says: "The Soviet Government gave no authority to Daladier and had ~~and has~~ nothing to do with the conference at Munich and its decision."

PALESTINE

Still more sanguinary news from Palestine! ( At the historic City of Tiberias, twenty-one Jews were buried today, twenty-one more who had been killed by the Arabs.) Among them were a couple of American citizens. Over the weekend, fighting was particularly rife throughout the Holy Land, one fight after another between Arabs and British soldiers. More than a hundred Arabs were killed in <sup>the last few</sup> ~~a couple of~~ days.

JAPAN

A bit of news ~~that has~~ just <sup>in</sup> ~~come~~ from Tokyo, <sup>and it</sup> may be ominous.

It concerns the new coalition cabinet, the super-party cabinet of the Japanese Prime Minister, Prince Konoye. The office of Foreign Minister ~~Koxe~~ is to be offered to an extreme militarist.

His name is Toshio Shiratori; ~~He has long been an adherent of the~~

<sup>an</sup> <sup>of the</sup> extremist sabre rattlers in the Mikado's armies. <sup>#</sup> When Nippon

grabbed Manchuria, Shiratori was spokesman of the Foreign Office.

He is supposed to have been responsible for Japan's withdrawal

from the League of Nations. He is described as a quick-tempered

~~man, one who has~~ always been opposed to moderation, <sup>and</sup> opposed to a

policy of conciliating China, <sup>an</sup> advocate of aggression and of the

mailed fist in the Far East. He ~~is~~ to be the Mikado's new

Foreign Minister. The obvious inference is that the warlords

in Japan have more than ever the upper hand and that Nippon's

policy will <sup>become more and</sup> ~~be~~ more violent. ~~than ever~~

REFUGEES

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At Hyde Park, New York, a party of fourteen people arrived today; ~~they are~~ refugees from Nazi Germany, a father, a mother, and twelve children ranging from twenty-three down to four years old. They went to Hyde Park to visit Mrs. James Roosevelt, Mother of the President. Actually, they are kinfolk of the Roosevelts. The mother of that husky family, Mrs. von Koschembahr, is a daughter of Cornelia ~~Kernochan~~ Roosevelt, who in turn was the daughter of Charles Yates Roosevelt, of the U.S.A. And it is reported that Mrs. von Koschembahr bears a pronounced resemblance to the Roosevelt family.

UN-AMERICAN

An accusation was made last week that prominent American men of means are subscribing to the funds of the German-American Bund. The charge was made before the Dies Committee of the House of Representatives on Un-American Activities. That accusation provoked a letter from the head of the National Association of Manufacturers. Charles R. Hope wrote to Representative Dies and urged that if there's any positive information implicating industrialists, it should be made public so as to remove the odium from those who are innocent.

*the head of the manufacturers*  
Chairman Dies of the Committee replied to ~~Mr. Hope~~ today.

*etc* { He said that he had instructed his investigator to run down every possible lead and push his inquiry to the limit. ~~"We want to do everything we can,"~~ said ~~Mr.~~ Dies, ~~"to find out what industrialists, if any, have contributed money to the Nazi and Fascist movements in the United States, or done anything else to encourage them."~~

SUPREME COURT

The Chief Justice of the United States is not noted for the warmth and passion of ~~in~~ his utterances. But today, for a change, Mr. Justice Hughes did speak with a warmth that evidently came from the heart. The occasion was the opening of the new term of the Supreme Court. Said the Chief Justice: "Since we last met, the Court has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of one of our brothers." He referred of course to the passing of the last Justice Benjamin Cardozo.

The seat that Associate Justice Cardozo used to occupy was vacant today.

PENNSYLVANIA

The fight among the Pennsylvania Democrats entered on a new phase today:

Governor Earle's enemies started an investigation into his administration, shouting loud charges of graft, in fact what they call a system of crime. So he summoned his legislature into a special session and the legislators passed special laws taking that investigations out of the hands of the grand jury. They also put it into the hands of a friendly committee of the legislature.

Today's opinion by the Supreme Court pronounces those laws unconstitutional. And more than that, they're described as "an attempt to suspend the criminal laws of Pennsylvania and an invasion of judicial powers." So now that grand jury in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, which means Harrisburg, will go on with its inquiry. Not only Earle, but thirteen other Democratic leaders in Pennsylvania, are going to be on the griddle. Just as the election is coming on!

STORM

Another storm on its way to New England -- may have arrived. The same part of New England now slowly recovering from the disaster of two weeks ago.

Shortly before noon today, a storm was gathering out at sea some three hundred and fifty miles southeast of Nantucket. Moving northeast. Weather experts reported it was getting worse as it went on. So all this afternoon there have been warnings out: all the way from Sandy Hook, New Jersey to Eastport, Maine.



COLORADO

Twenty-nine years ago, Julius Stone, of Columbus, Ohio, had an adventurous but successful ride through the rapids of the Colorado River. At that time he was a young man of fifty-four. This year, at the age of eighty-three, he was overcome by a keen longing to take that hazardous ride once more. And that's where he is at this moment, somewhere south of a small crossing ~~on~~ of the Colorado at Hite, Utah. With him is his son, who is a banker in Columbus, Ohio, and several friends, men of substance and of an age when most men have overcome their passion for

*The aged octogenarian*  
adventure. ~~He~~ Stone is going as far as Lee's Ferry, Arizona. *Then*  
*hope to make it)* ~~Two~~ of the party ~~are going~~ all the way ~~down~~ to the Gulf of *through those boiling canyons*  
California, ~~as far as Guaymas, Mexico.~~

RAILROAD

It seems strange in these days of railroad grief, to hear of ~~a railroad company~~ <sup>one line</sup> declaring a dividend. ~~Nevertheless, that's~~  
~~what~~ <sup>But it</sup> happened today out in Michigan. A dividend of twenty-four

thousand dollars was handed out to stockholders of the Erie ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup>

Kalamazoo. ~~Company~~ <sup>However</sup> That isn't the only unusual part of the

transaction. Not a single train operated by that company has run over the rails for eighty-nine years. Not a single passenger fare has been collected or so much as a pound of freight moved.

It's just a peculiar bit of ancient American railroad history. <sup>The non-operating</sup>

~~The~~ Erie ~~and~~ <sup>of</sup> Kalamazoo is the oldest road in the country west

of New York. All it ever owned is a right-of-way from Toledo, Ohio, to Adrian, Michigan. That right-of-way was leased by the Michigan Southern and for years it has been operated by the

New York Central. <sup>So</sup> That dividend handed out today represents money received from the lease.

LABOR

There's to be no let-up in the war among the labor unions. The American Federation of Labor and the Committee of Industrial Organization are agin each other and there's small prospect at present of peace. That's what the country learned today from William<sup>F.</sup> Green, President of the A.F. of L.<sup>TF</sup> The Federation is holding its fifty-eighth national convention at Houston, Texas. Green, in his opening speech, declared that the National Labor Relations Board had become an ally of the C.I.O. And, he added: "We won't stand for that." ~~of course~~

~~of course,~~ a considerable part of Green's speech was an attack on his private enemy, John L. Lewis. He talked sarcastically about Lewis's appearance in Mexico at the International Congress Against War and Fascism. <sup>Said A.F. of L.</sup> ~~Said~~ Green: "This meeting was held in a bull ring and that was a fitting place for it." ~~And he continued:~~ "I noticed that Lewis denounced

Fascism but I don't see where he denounced Communism." <sup>And he</sup> ended with this matador thrust:—"The meeting was held in a bull ring, and that was a fitting place for it!"  
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