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The "Crack 'Em Down" news today is an exchange of cracks back and forth. At the present moment the German Government has had the last crack. It has lodged a formal protest with the State Department against the things General Johnson said in his speech last night at Waterloo, Iowa.

That protest was fairly certain to come, with the Hitler Government, <sup>Blue Eagle</sup> holding that the General's scathing remarks were a breach of international aménity -- an official of the United States Government delivering a public attack against a friendly nation.

The truculent boss of the N. R. A. is saying that he meant every word of it and won't retract a syllable. He added<sup>s</sup> that he was taking as a private citizen and not as a government official. That raises an interesting question. How much of a private citizen is an N. R. A. administrator, on a vacation, ~~but~~ making a speaking tour of the country?

This would seem to be a good time to take another look at the blasting, blazing, skin-'em-alive things that General Johnson said.

"A few days ago in Germany," he shouted, "events

occurred ~~in~~ which shocked the world. I don't know how they effected you. But they made me sick -- not figuratively, but physically and very actively sick."

He spoke of men in responsible positions being taken out of their homes, stood against a wall and shot.

And then added some more fiery comment.

"I have seen something of that sort in Mexico," he barked, "during the Villa ravages and among semi-civilized people half drunk on sotol and maraguana. But <sup>that,</sup> ~~if~~ such a thing should happen in a country of some supposed culture passes my comprehension." *So said the Boss Blue Eagle.*

*Hub.* It is well to think a bit about those excoriating words, and then ask why they were spoken by the man famous for cracking down. They were a prelude to a defense of the freedom of the press. The Commander of the Blue Eagle declared he had come around to agree with those newspaper publishers who had been so careful about the freedom of the press in their dealings with N. R. A. There's no freedom of the press in Nazi Germany. That's the way it all ties in, *he says*

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continuing revolution. He told of elements in the Nazi ranks that believed that their revolution should keep going, with more and more of an overturn all the time. In other words, to ~~them~~ the Nazi triumph was just the beginning of a really big revolution. Hitler denounced this and ~~proclaimed~~ that his revolution was complete, that once in power his policy was, not keep things changed and agitated, but <sup>to</sup> settle down and iron out problems in a quiet way.

The second point that struck me was his description of two groups of these continuing revolutionaries who were working in the ranks of the Storm Troopers. One he said consisted of psychopaths led by the executed Roehm. The other, quite normal, consisted of men who were loyal to Roehm as their commander. He repeated that he had made a five hour attempt to persuade his old comrade Roehm to be loyal, and then went on to explain it this way: Roehm and his coterie had been taking into the ranks of the Storm Troops new members of all sorts and by the wholesale. He was pushing these new men ahead, giving

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smaller allies, and Italy would do the same on her part. According to that, two small nations belonging to the two different groups couldn't start a fight with each other without involving everybody else. Any small war would automatically become a world war. That seems to be the logic of the plan -- possibly with the idea of squelching all small disturbances, even at the cost of risking a gigantic world-wide disturbance.

This new plan would seem to be the net result of the recent extensive travels of the French Foreign Minister, Barthou. He visited one capital after another, and came back with the big idea. And, it's being received with plenty of applause in various nations, applause that may mean much, or little. It'll be in the news from now on.



BOOK

~~First of all~~ Let's have a book review. This new liter-  
-ary work is in two ponderous volumes, ~~it~~ took seven years to  
compile, is a dictionary, and concerns every continent, island,  
sand bank, and coral reef on this globe. It's a dictionary of  
diplomacy, issued at Paris. The articles under various headings  
were compiled by twenty-seven prime ministers, fifty Chancellors  
and more than five hundred assorted diplomats. If all those  
diplomats believed in the <sup>diplomatic</sup> old aphorism that speech is a way of  
disguising the truth, the new dictionary should be a masterpiece  
of fiction.

The article on Facism is written by that prolific and  
well-paid author Benito Mussolini. The article concerning war  
is a long one, forty-five pages. Under the heading of Peace; *nope*  
-- but there's no such heading. The diplomatic dictionary is  
an up-to-date book, and on the subject of Peace it contains  
nothing - not a bit, not a small fragment, not a tiny piece.

This omission is creating quite a furore at Geneva,  
where the League of Nations is the grand creator and exponent

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of peace. The League is also devoted to disarmament, but the diplomatic dictionary tells mostly about armament. The figures show graphically how the nations of both hemispheres are building up their gun-power on land and sea. France building, or rather digging, giant fortresses on her border -- Germany stocking up with war planes by the hundred -- Austria and Hungary in the market in a big way for rifles and machine guns - Turkey getting ready strongly to fortify the Dardanelles -- Spain spending millions on cannon and battlements for the Balearic Isles long so pleasantly renowned as bits of Paradise in the Mediterranean.

## CHACO

Maybe that book's right - dead right about peace.

At any rate, just look at this:-

Right now there is a fierce battle raging along a one hundred mile front. Seventy thousand men engaged in that battle. The brown Indian fighters of Paraguay are driving at Fort Bolivian, a dominating stronghold of the enemy, in the Gran Chaco. Both sides are claiming victory.

Today's diplomatic slant concerns that familiar question that many of us have been asking -- "What are they fighting for. What do they want with that disputed section of tropical ~~xxx~~ and sub-tropical earth". It's a huge area, to be sure. But it's a remote fastness of plains, jungle and rain-soaked swamps. A couple of centuries ago that same sort of question was asked by the great genius of his day, Voltaire, who made a fool of himself in answering it. The French and British were battling for Canada, and Voltaire remarked contemptuously that they were doing all that fighting "for a few square miles of ice." Those few square miles of ice are the

vast priceless Canadian empire of today.

And so it may be with the Gran Chaco. The experts have been saying that landlocked Bolivia wants a port leading to the sea, a port on the great river system that leads to the south Atlantic -- also that the prize of battle is oil, great oil deposits in the Chaco.

Today we have another explanatory word -- rubber. The newest report is that the directing minds behind the war realize that the Chaco is soon to become one of the great rubber producing sections of the earth to which the world that rides on rubber will pay tribute. This new theory goes on to another question that has been asked, "Where is the money coming from for the war?" Both Paraguay and Bolivia are burdened to the breaking point with debts. The rumour is that they are getting financial backing from other countries, countries that would be willing to get their loans returned in the form of rubber.

Let's just tie that up with an announcement we had a week or so ago -- that synthetic rubber has been successfully produced here in the United States. Suppose that should really

develop into a cheap and practical synthetic rubber. Where would Paraguay and Bolivia be then? It's ironical to think about. Remember how nations fought for the Spice Islands and then spices began to be grown all around the world as a common crop.

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BRAZIL

In Brazil tonight they are talking about an automobile accident in Portugal. Portuguese affairs are always a live topic in the daughter republic of Brazil. And then the two people injured in the crash were the wife and daughter of President Carmona. The first lady of Portugal was seriously hurt. General Carmona is a popular figure in the Portuguese speaking world. He acts as supreme constitutional dictator of his country.

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## MOTORBOAT

They say that it's like the swarming of locusts of the Bible -- those motorboats on the Alleghany river at Pittsburgh. The Hearst Gold Cup Regatta has jumped to big proportions. The outboard enthusiasts are swamping the officials. There are boats from eleven states and the District of Columbia ready for a week-end orgy of speed and splashing. A crowd of two hundred thousand people is expected to line the two banks and thunder cheers through the Pittsburgh smoke.

Holy smoke, blue smoke, -- from Blue Sunoco!

ROOSEVELT

EDUCATOR

Well, the President is on his way across the broad Pacific and he seems to be pleased with the way he found things in the Canal Zone. He ~~explains~~ speaks of minor questions arising between the Americans of the Canal and the Republic of Panama.

"Nothing," he explains cheerily, "That can't be ironed out in the spirit of justice and fair-play."

He's going to do some fishing in the waters around Cocos Island. I had to consult the Atlas to find out who Cocos Island belongs to. The answer is Costa Rica.

Good luck Mr. President -- the best of fisherman's luck.



EDUCATOR

Well they are finally going to have a Pan-American educational conference. This has been talked about for years, but somehow it always missed fire. Now it's all set. Educators all the way from Hudson Bay to Cape Horn are to gather this September in Santiago, Chile.

I suppose the assembled teachers will do a lot to improve Pan-American education and when the American and Canadian delegations get back I suppose the youngsters up this way will get an overdose of Spanish, and they'll all be saying Caramba.

PROFESSOR ENDING

Let's hope those Pan-American teachers have better luck than an American scholastic group now over in Germany. Fifty college presidents, professors and students were invited for a visit by the German director of the Association-for-the-Furtherance-of-Scientific-Knowledge. This German professor had arranged a series of banquets, luncheons, and lectures, and was going to show the American scholastic group the scientific sights of the Fatherland.

But, when they got to Germany they couldn't find the professor. He didn't meet them at the train as had been arranged. He wasn't home. After hunting and inquiring they found he was in a Nazi Concentration Camp for some political offense or another. They are now trying to get him out so that he can keep his appointment with them.

One thing makes it awkward and keeps those American college luminaries from raising too much of a fuss. Their trip is being paid for by the German government. The Nazis arranged and financed the visit, appointed a host to receive and entertain them, and then put the host in a concentration camp.

Right now the American college people are trying to get him out so that he can say "hello" everybody while I am saying: "So Long Until Monday."