

SENATE

There was all sorts of excitement in the Senate of the United States today. A thing unknown for many a year occurred. The Senate gallery was cleared.

Senator Key Pittman, who was acting as temporary president of that august body, ordered the crowd of spectators, sightseers and visitors thrust from the senatorial illumination into the outer darkness.

And what was the reason? Why, noise! You know how it is, crowded galleries can be noisy. And, the senators can be noisy. The two things occurred together today. In fact, it was the noise the senators were making that caused the exile of the public. The lawmakers, in their togas, were making something of a din and pandemonium, talking and shuffling around, banging away and paying no attention to the commands of "silence!", "order!" They had to suspend business and call upon the sergeant-at-arms to make the senators hold their peace and keep quiet. The sergeant-of-arms could not be found. Minutes were spent looking for him. That got the spectators all ~~xx~~ excited, hot and bothered,

and they began to make a fuss. So they were ordered to keep silent. But, they only grew louder. At that juncture, Senator Pittman rose full of wrath and dignity, and ordered the galleries cleared. So, for the first time in a long while, all those folks who crowd in to watch the government of this land in operation were chased out, and told to move on.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

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The newest Senate investigation will have some interesting angles -- the quiz of affairs in "the Poorhouse of America." That's what President Hoover once called the Virgin Islands. The committee will consist of five senators under the chairmanship of Senator Tydings of Maryland. It looks as if sessions will be held both in Washington and in St. Thomas, the capital of the island.

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They say that the investigation will really be a matter of a personality -- the personality of Paul M. Pearson, the professorial-looking Governor. Governor Pearson is a Republican, and the Democrats have been after him. He has had the support of Secretary Ickes of the Department of the Interior, who is renowned for not paying so much attention to Democratic
— an ex-Republican himself — maybe still is.
inclinations. Governor Pearson was appointed to office by President Hoover, and it is interesting to note that he is the father of Drew Pearson, co-author of the ~~ex~~ Washington Merry-Go-Round, the lively scathing book that painted such a ludicrous skin-'em-alive picture of the Hoover administration.

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GOLDEN MILLER

That certainly is a magnificent tempest in a teapot over in England, the controversy about the Grand National. Did the favorite in the great steeplechase stumble and fall? Or did he grow wild and toss his jockey off his back? Or what? And if so, why? Anyway, the horse-race accident saved the British bookmakers ten million dollars. That's the ~~xx~~ amount the public had bet with them on Golden Miller.

I've a bit of inside information from headquarters, concerning the loud complaints of the British horse racing enthusiasts that the strange incident of the race was caused by the activities of news reel photographers. Some weeks ago I had with me on the air Gerald Sanger, head of British Movietone. He's back in England now. And as British Movietone boss, he was a generalissimo in the news reel doings that surrounded the much disputed race. He sent a cablegram today to the studio of Fox Movietone, the parent American Company. The cablegram states that the news shots of the widely debated race are aboard the Europa, on their way to America. And along with that came some inside dope about the celebrated accident.

Over in this country the news reel companies once fought

bitter battles in covering an important event. An example of this was the historic race between Zev and Papyrus at Belmont Park in Nineteen twenty-three. One news reel company had bought the rights, whereupon a rival concern sent in a flock of camera men among the spectators, picture shooters armed secretly with small hand cameras. This concern even got one of their secret news picture hawks made a deputy sheriff to guard the judges. He was in a position to get some magnificent close-ups. And then there were other cameramen hidden in the tree-tops overlooking the track. On top of it all, when the race was run, the company that was doing the horning in, ruined the pictures of the company that bought the rights, by suddenly setting off smoke flares in front of the official cameras. So the ones that had paid the money got nothing, and the ones that paid nothing got everything.

But that's ancient history now on this side of the water. Anyhow the American news reel companies got together and decided that fighting and knifing like that didn't pay, so they have an amicable arrangement now, no more such flagrant scraps and battles.

But over in England there is no such agreement. And the news reel boys fight it out in the most spacious free-for-all.

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The claim ~~now~~ is that the present incident of the Grand National was caused by just the same sort of strategy that distinguished the Zev-Papyrus race over here twelve years ago. Official news reel rights to the race had been purchased by a British news reel interests. They claim that American cameramen ~~homed in~~ horned in. One story is that the Americans wheeled a tall tower ~~near~~ the track and were ready to shoot their pictures from the top. The British *lens lads* ~~cameramen~~ tried to rush their trans-Atlantic rival^s, but the English bobbies stopped that. Then the British lens grinders resorted to that trick of setting off smoke bombs. As the race was being run, a bomb was suddenly flashed in front of the tower where the American news reel cameras were placed.

The bomb was flashed, it is said, just as Golden Miller was about to take the second jump of the classic steeplechase. The sudden flare of light and puff of smoke caused the horse to ~~sh~~ shy and stumble - frightened him so badly that ~~the~~ he threw his rider and missed the hurdle.

So the story takes this form - the British news reel boys, faced with the intrusion of the Americans, tried to protect their rightful British interests, and in doing so put a crimp in the great British horse race affecting ten million dollars in British bets.

Yet that's not quite correct. It really wasn't a scrap between British and Americans. Gerald Sanger's cable points out that it was Movietone that had bought the rights - for Fifteen hundred pounds, affiliated with Movietone over here. Hence an Anglo-American outfit. So the side that possessed the official rights was half American.

EUROPE

Mussolini comes forward with another of his pungent declarations. Writing in his own personal newspaper, he both whoops-up the Stresa meeting and plays it down.

The whooping up takes the form of a jibe at what Mussolini calls "the European diplomatic circuit". He doesn't see that those visits of statesmen from one capital to another are getting anywhere. This of course refers to the visit of Sir John Simon and Captain Anthony Eden to Berlin and Captain Eden's continuing jaunt to Moscow and Warsaw. A bit impatient with all this, the Duce calls for a showdown at Stresa, a definite and decisive agreement - a united front by England, France and Italy concerning Germany rearming.

That does put the Duce in the position of calling for a larger sort of action at Stresa. But then he goes on with one of those chilly dashes of Mussolinian realism. He gives warning that the three Powers are by no means in complete harmony concerning Hitler's rearmament stand. He points out that people are beginning to expect the parleys at Stresa to turn into a miracle, ending a nightmare. "It is absolutely necessary", remarks the Duce realistically, "to pour a certain quantity of water into the wine of this

exaggerated optimism."

It's the Duce's way of saying - "we better do big things at Stresa, but don't hope for too much."

FRANCE

France is keeping up a strong front, the Chamber of Deputies solidly behind the ministry with a heavy vote of confidence. And Premier Flandin told the lawmakers in Paris that France was keeping a powerful guard on its eastern frontier, that the great fortifications guarding against a German attack were kept heavily re-enforced - great concentrations of troops in readiness for any trouble. He declared that the high command of the French army decided as a permanent policy that the French ring of steel fortifications shall be kept permanently garrisoned. And for that the Chamber of Deputies gave him an overwhelming vote of confidence.

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POLAND

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The diplomat ^{is visitor to Poland} ~~to Poland today~~ ^{today} was confronted by one exceedingly determined point of reasoning. Captain Anthony Eden, John Bull's Ambassador at Large, was told by the heads of the Warsaw government that Poland is in accord with Great Britain and the other western Powers in their attitude toward German rearmament, and that Poland in fact ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{with} ~~is~~ everything England has to say - except with reference to that eastern Locarno idea. Warsaw does ~~not~~ want to be tied up by that proposed treaty, guaranteeing the peace of eastern Europe. ^{IT} In support of this position the Poles advance a stubborn argument - based on simple facts of geography. In case of trouble between Germany and Russia, Poland is in the middle. Russia and Germany do not contact with each other's frontiers at any point. They could only come to blows by going over somebody else's property. And that somebody else preeminently means Poland. So it is inevitable for Warsaw to look with dread upon the possibility of a powerful Nazi army and the huge Red army waging a campaign on Polish territory, ^S ~~is~~ swinging back and forth at death grips over the broad Polish plains. Placed in this ticklish geographical-political situation, the Warsaw government feels that it must keep its ^{liberty} ~~right~~

^{of action}

JAPAN

~~And~~ here's news about the European crisis -- from Asia. The spokesman of the Foreign Office at Tokyo has made an important declaration. It concerns the insistent rumors that Japan was lining up with Germany in their mutual rivalry with Soviet Russia. This now is denied by the Foreign Office spokesman, Eiji Amau. He declared that the idea of an alliance between Japan and Germany was --- "unthinkable." He pointed out that Japan still had an entente with France, an agreement negotiated in 1907. In this, Japan and France undertook to cooperate for the maintenance of peace in the Pacific area. This entente was in force when Japan joined the Allies in 1914 and captured the German fortified colony at Tsingtao.

GERMANY

Today's sharp flare up of international excitement didn't concern that familiar hammered-to-death subject of German rearmament. Yet Germany is most decidedly a part to the dispute that blazed today in Switzerland. It's a rather unusual and a fiery sort of thing for a nation to send a diplomatic protest and for the Foreign Minister of that nation thereupon to read that note to his parliament with a burst of angry indignation. Yet that's what happened at the capital city of Berne today. It concerned the seizure of that anti-Nazi German journalist, Herr Jakob - seized on Swiss territory. Herr Jakob was spirited into Germany, where he is now being held for trial before a Nazi court. He is charged with having taken a large hand in getting smuggled word about German armament. And the accusation lodged against him bears the grim label of - high treason. Nazi Germany is heavy-handed in those cases of high treason. Which raises the grave apprehension of what is likely to befall Herr Jakob. And the personal fate of this man forms a grim background for the day's doings in statecraft at Berne.

Foreign Minister Guiseppe Motta of Switzerland told the Swiss parliament how he had dispatched a note to Germany, demanding

the return of ~~her~~ Herr Jakob to Switzerland. He denounced the abduction of the anti-Nazi German leader as an unbearable violation of Swiss sovereignty. He declared that Switzerland was ready to go the diplomatic limit to make Germany return Herr Jakob to Switzerland. He said he would appeal to the World Court at The Hague. And in addition Switzerland is prepared to make a formal protest to the League of Nations. ^{TP} It is said that the Swiss are offering an exchange to Germany. If they get Herr Jakob back, they will give - Dr. Wesemann. This ~~is~~ Dr. Wesemann is under arrest in Switzerland, as the chief Nazi agent who engineered the plot for the abduction of Herr Jakob. The Swiss police claim they have unearthed a whole complicated web of intrigue revolving around Dr. Wesemann. They are holding him for trial under the Swiss law, but they are willing to give him up to Germany, in their determined attempt to get Herr Jakob back.

The affair is a minor one, as compared with the grand machinery of statecraft revolving around German rearmament, but it's the sort of pin prick that might start some ugly repercussions.

ADD GERMANY

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Meanwhile, there's another prisoner of the Nazis who is attracting attention - the first American citizen to face a Nazi court. He will be tried before the stern and relentless German Peoples Court, on a charge of **military** espionage. His name is Richard Roiderer. He is a naturalized American, used to live in Cleveland. He was arrested on the shore of Lake Constance, in June of last year, and has been in a Munich jail ever since, charged with having tried to smuggle out of Germany military secrets ^{concerning} the training equipment of the Storm Troopers. His trial will be secret. His fate will be in the hands of a jury of two lawyers and three laymen. The charge of betraying military secrets calls for the death penalty. But as Roiderer is a foreigner, an American citizen, extreme measures are not likely.

JONES

The United States army, the War College, Secretary of War Dern, and Chief of Staff General Douglas MacArthur are now wrestling with a major problem of military strategy. It comes to them from Oklahoma, where the Athletic Council of the University of Oklahoma today recommended to the State Board of Regents that it would be a good thing if the University engaged Captain Lawrence M. Jones as Professor ~~Lawrence M.~~ of Military Science.

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Just how much military science they want the professor to teach may be judged from the fact that Captain Lawrence M., in official army lingo, is known by the more famous cognomen - "Biff" Jones. So the military science the professor will be called upon to teach will be such important matters of national defense as forward passes, line plunges and shift formations. The professor is quite an expert in these warlike matters, and moreover he is a big target for the limelight beam of publicity.

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All sorts of newspaper space would be devoted to the football coach who defied the Kingfish - to which you can add the angle of an army captain defying a senator. Remember that Louisiana football battle, in which the struggle of the Elevens was eclipsed by the

far more spectacular struggle between Biff and the Kingfish?[?]

Senator Kingfish tried to butt in and run the team, tried to put in substitutes and call the play^s. Coach Biff wasn't allowing any senatorial interference. A sort of biff bang, not physically of course, but verbally. I suppose from a football standpoint, nobody has a right to butt into the coaching job. But from a political standpoint no army captain ever defies a United States senator - not if he's wise. So Biff Jones is now nothing more than Captain Lawrence M. Jones.

However, he's both ^{an ace} ~~a first rate~~ football coach and also a target for the limelight. So the University of Oklahoma would like to have him. ~~The Department of War, the general staff and the war college, have not yet answered the request~~

Well rah, rah. And I'm on my way to Rah - way, Rahway, New Jersey, and s-l-u-t-m.

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