

LJ - Sunco. Thursday, Aug. 31, 1939.

Today brought the most imposing and possibly the most ominous spectacle in all the crisis -- Great Britain in the full grim panoply of war. It's just like war, save the fighting hasn't begun and the bombs haven't begun to fall.

(Britain mobilized today. The cabinet decreed -- full mobilization, land, sea and air.) Of course, the United Kingdom, like other nations, has been mustering her strength for days, calling up its armed forces one unit after another. But all that was more or less precautionary and unofficial. Today -- full British mobilization. All the units, all the men, not hitherto taken into war service, are called to the colors.

H In times gone by mobilizing meant war. In the evil days of Nineteen Fourteen, it was Russian mobilization that instantly provoked the Kaiser's declaration of war. Today, Britain's mobilization is only a little less ~~xxx~~ decisive. The interpretation is that London is making the final gesture in the war of nerves, another blow at Hitler in what they are calling the "White War". It also leaves Great Britain fully prepared for the outbreak of what we can only call -- the "Black War".

Full mobilization -- that's only part of the picture

of Britain in gear for battle. (They are beginning the evacuation of children from London, three million youngsters to be sent from the crowded metropolis to small towns in open country.) Orders were issued today; the mass exodus of the young will be on ~~tomorrow~~ tomorrow. So much of the population of Great Britain is congested in huge cities, so many children. And, the air raids may start at any time, [^] the much dreaded bombing. So, get the children out of London. Parents were instructed today how to equip them with clothing, with marks to identify them, and with gas masks. Directed by their school teachers, the children of London will be crowded aboard trains and go speeding away, three million of them.

All over Britain air raid units were ordered on the job, day and night. The building of countless new air raid shelters was ordered at top speed - the work to go on in shifts, twenty-four hours a day. Medical supplies are being rushed to hospitals, to take care of the injured, should the air raiders come. Full staffs of doctors and ~~nurses~~ nurses on duty - waiting. Medical students building sand bag

barricades to protect hospitals from bombs.

Stiff food regulations put into force. An order tonight prohibits any British family to store more than one week's supply of food. No ~~is~~ food hoarding ~~was~~ permitted.

The order gave the reassuring word - that there is no food shortage. ^{TP} The London Stock Market closed down.

And the picture of Britain in war-time trim ^{is} completed by - war-time censorship.

TELEPHONE FOLLOW BRITAIN

Today in Europe the United Press correspondent at Berlin dictated a story over the telephone to the London office. He was going on with some conversation about news gathering, when suddenly the telephone operator cut in and said abruptly, "I must cut you off." And cut him off she did. The wire went dead immediately.

That was the first indication the U. P. had of today's decree of British censorship. London cut off all telephone conversation abroad, save on Government business. Then an order concerning telegraph communication. All code or cipher messages to or from Great Britain are forbidden. Its wartime censorship, and it completes the picture of Great Britain under conditions of war tonight.

European communications in general are being shut down in readiness for the outbreak of armed conflict. But just the same Abe Pickus got in his cablegram. You can't stop Abe. He's the Cleveland citizen who in past times of crisis has spent hundreds of dollars on cable and telephone calls, giving advice to the rulers of nations. And in this culminating hour of peril, Abe just naturally had to send a cable--to Hitler. It goes

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like this:-

"In Nineteen Thirty-Four," Abe reminded the Nazi Fuehrer, "you signed a ten year non-aggression pact with Poland. Wake up. Keep agreements." And then Abe warned ~~Hitler~~ Hitler, "Kaiser ~~chopping~~ chopping wood--war will be suicide for Germany."

Yes, it's lucky that Abe got that through before communications were shut down. Lucky for ~~Hitler~~ Hitler, I suppose, for he no doubt will follow Abe's advice. *Oh yea*

GERMANY FOLLOW TELEPHONES

The picture of Great Britain ready to fight, all set for war tomorrow ~~xxx~~ or the next day, seems to be bothering Hitler.

Nazi spokesmen in Berlin declare that the full British mobilization is a provocative act, which makes the war crisis worse

than ever. And this, it is conjectured, had something to do with (today's big news from Germany -- the publication of the terms that Hitler proposed to Chamberlain. The Hitler demands

concerning Poland were not only made public, they were broadcast on the radio.) This afternoon the National Broadcasting Company

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flashed a broadcast from Berlin, and those of us who were listening ~~xxx~~ heard an official Hitler spokesman relate in German just what terms the Nazi Fuehrer proposed to Great Britain. Then

~~we~~ came the voice of Max Jordan, European representative of the N. B. C., ~~as~~ ^{as} he translated the demands into English.

It has been a closely guarded secret, just what the proposals were that the Fuehrer made to the Prime Minister in that dramatic exchange of messages, which had all the world agog, anxious, and mystified. ~~The revelations were~~ ^{The Rumors} were plenty, reports of what Hitler was demanding - no two reports alike, inside information, dope stories, word procured from authoritative

sources. Now, you can see for yourself how far those expert accounts were from the truth, how wild the guessing was. Here are the Hitler demands, as officially disclosed by Berlin tonight.

(Hitler required that Poland hand Danzig over to Germany at once, the bottleneck of the Polish Corridor to be placed under the administration of an international commission, governed by an international group, delegates of Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia. The Polish port of Gdynia to be retained by Poland. The international supervision to continue for not more than a year, but which time a plebiscite would be held.) A popular vote of the people of Danzig and the bottleneck of the Corridor, to decide whether they would belong to Germany or Poland. The plebiscite to be administered by the international commission, something like the plebiscite in the Sarr Valley which returned that territory to

Germany. This sounds like referring the whole thing to the will of the people in the areas concerned - though of course it must be remembered that they ^{are} curious ways of Nazi pressure.

The Hitler program embraces sixteen ~~six~~ points, which concern such matters as granting Poland free port rights at Danzig, rights to the railroads, and rights the Germans would have to the territories ^{that} voted to go with Poland. Such are the Hitler demands that were kept so secret and had everybody guessing - guessing wrong.

(Berlin states tonight that Prime Minister Chamberlain ^{not} ^{also} agreed to transmit the Nazi terms to Poland and promised that a Polish representative would arrive in Berlin to discuss them, ^{but} Chamberlain also agreed to mediate, ^{so far.} No such Polish representative has appeared. Hitler waited for two days, but in vain. The Nazis say that the non-arrival of the promised Polish representative indicates an outright rejection of the German proposals.) Brusque, the Nazis call it. And on top of it all, Britain today ordered full mobilization and girded for war. In the face ^{of} these facts, the Hitler Government decided to keep the terms secret no longer. Hence this afternoon's publication - and by radio.

In Danzig, local Nazis today seized the railroad station, which just about completes the Nazification of the much disputed free port. ~~Rix~~ Poland made no move. Poland seems to be standing pat, looking to Great Britain. One story is that Hitler is trying to bring pressure to bear on Warsaw by raising the menace of Stalin, threatening that Soviet Russia might join Nazi Germany in solving the Polish problem. On the Soviet side there's not the slightest hint of whether or not the Soviets might join Germany in active pressure against Poland. Some may see indications in Soviet military moves, ~~that are~~ reported massing ^{of} troops along Russia's western boundary, along the frontier of Poland. Indications maybe, or maybe not.

RUSSIA--FOLLOW GERMANY

(The supreme Soviet of Communist Russia ~~guk~~ gathered today to consider that famous Hitler-Stalin non-aggression pact.) The session for the ratification had been delayed, and there were all sorts of rumors about the possible reason. Some rosy optimists supposed that Dictator Stalin was about to back out of his agreement with Dictator Hitler--that the Soviets would keep on delaying and dallying, keep the pact from going into force. So what happened today? (The supreme Soviet took a vote on the Nazi-Communist Treaty--and ratified it unanimously, okayed it without argument.) So the rosy optimists can get rid of the idea that there might be a sudden rift in the new found friendship between Hitler and Stalin.

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ITALY -- FOLLOW RUSSIA

Word from Rome -- much like the word ~~is~~ from London. (Italy ~~is~~ was ordered on a war footing tonight.) Mussolini issued a decree putting the Kingdom on a basis for armed conflict. Earlier in the day we were told of military dispositions decreed by the Duce. The Italian army divided into two groups. One commanded by the Italian Crown Prince, which appointment sounds formal and polite. The other commanded by General Graziani. He's the commander who ~~is~~ ~~was~~ won fame in the Ethiopian War. No mention was made of Field-Marshal Badoglio, hailed as the conqueror of Ethiopia.

Then late this afternoon came the culminating word - Italy on a war basis.

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(Even in all the din of threatened war, that ~~W~~^Mild word "peace" still makes itself heard. One chief protagonist of the mild word is the bellicose Mussolini. His doings are a deep secret but every indication is that he is trying to avert war.) In fact, most peace efforts are in the direction of Italy. The Duke of Windsor, like our own President Roosevelt, appealed to King Victor Emanuel. Italian diplomacy is working hard for some sort of agreement. Paris is considering a Mussolini plan for a conference. And there's word from Brussels ~~in~~ today that the Italian and British Ambassadors had a talk with the Belgian Premier.

The report is that the Ambassadors and the Premier discussed the offer to mediate made by King Leopold of Belgium and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland.

(Rome is anxious for peace in more ways than one, the ~~ROME~~ Rome of Mussolini, and the Rome of Pope Pius the Twelfth. Once again the Pontiff made a plea for peace today.) The Papal Secretary of State handed ~~n~~ an urgent communication to the diplomatic representatives to the Vatican. Representatives

of Great Britain, France, Germany, Poland and Italy. The
Pope is sponsoring negotiations in a desperate last minute
effort. Today he called upon the Catholic Churches of the
world to have special prayers for peace.

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A son of a famous father spoke out today--the son himself a United States Senator. Addressing the fortieth National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., of Massachusetts, called for decisive measures to keep the United States out of the threatened European war. He said--if we got into it, American democracy would be at an end.

"In the World War," declared Senator Lodge, "our democracy was suspended. In a war of the ~~xxx~~ future it would be even more promptly and decisively stifled."

He said the American people detest dictatorship, are horrified by events in Europe. "But," he added, "we insist that that there ~~by~~^o no dictatorship here."

Well, we can remember the name of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in that previous World War. The father of the present Massachusetts Senator was a powerful war leader, a determined advocate of American intervention against Germany. Later he was a number one figure in the fight against President Woodrow Wilson and the League of Nations. Today, his son tells this ~~xx~~ nation in grave and warning words, not to get into another World War.

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The G. A. R. gathering at Pittsburgh witnessed some lively proceedings today--not on the part of the ninety and a hundred year old Civil War Veterans, however. It was the ladies who took action. The National Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, tackled the subject of President Roosevelt's new fangled Thanksgiving Day. And Mrs. Anna Poole Atwood, past President of the Massachusetts chapter, arose and declared herself thusly:--^{TP}"Massachusetts people are descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers," ~~she~~ said she--with special reference no doubt to the Boston Irish and Italians. "To us," she continued, "Thanksgiving is a very sacred day and we want to continue the custom of our forefathers." Where upon the ladies voted unanimously--in favor of the forefathers. They passed a resolution denouncing the new presidential streamlined Thanksgiving.

^{TP} Some other ladies, Daughters of the Veterans of the Civil War, took a patriotic fling at the ^{books} "Gone with the Wind". They don't want to go with the wind. They want to keep right on fighting the Civil War. ^{They} ~~They~~ denounced "Gone with the Wind" because they say it glamorizes what they still call--"The Treason of the South."

It's all right for girls to be glamorous, but not "the treason of the South."

SALLY RAND

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Sally Rand, the fan and bubble dancer, came to the aid of science today--though not with a fan or bubble dance. The kind of science that Sally aided was meteorology--not that she did a fan dance on a cloud or gave a demonstration of how much a bubble dance raises the temperature. The United ~~States~~ States Weather Bureau needed some balloons, and has Sally Rand get bubbles. The Weather Bureau sends up balloons with recording instruments to register temperature and ~~mix~~ humidity at high altitude, and Sally's kind of ~~mix~~ bubble was just right. She not only has a lot of them, but also a mold with which to make them. So the United States Weather men at Minneapolis borrowed the mold and made the balloons. ^{Whereupon} ~~so that~~ Sally Rand's bubbles were put to a new and scientific use, sent up for meteorological observation--and were those bubbles surprised.

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