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BERLIN

By this afternoon,

Two thirds of Germany ^{had come} ~~is now~~ under the rule of a dictatorship.

A special dispatch from Berlin to the New York World-Telegram ^{announces} ~~says~~

that the militaristic cabinet of Chancellor Von Papen struck

at the roots of ^{popular} ~~Democratic~~ government in Berlin today. Von Papen

proclaimed a state of military emergency in Berlin and the surrounding

province of Brandenburg. ^{He} ~~It~~ ^{himself} took over the virtual dictatorship

of the entire state of Prussia, by ^{far} ~~a long way~~ the largest state in

the German federation.

This means that the old feudal aristocratic regime of ~~the~~ pre-war days, of the days of the Kaiser, is once more in the saddle and riding high. The ^{whole} country is under what amounts to military

control. Berlin and other large centers are seething with ~~discontent~~.

Incidentally, the Chancellor takes control of the 90,000 Prussian police which were hitherto under Socialist command. This is the most important armed body in Germany next to the regular army.

This swift move was authorized by a decree signed by President Paul Von Hindenburg. It left ~~in~~ the Socialists of Prussia

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furious and on the verge of a revolt. *at the same time it brought loud cheers from the Hitlerites.*

~~xx~~ The ~~cavated~~ ^{the state of} government of Prussia refused to recognize the legality of this decree. ^{But} They were ^{thrown out} ~~ousted~~ by military forces. The grounds given for this action are that the Social Democratic government of Prussia showed too much sympathy with the Communists. The German cabinet also charges that the former Prussian Government failed to maintain proper discipline.

A detachment of infantry with machine guns is on guard outside the ~~seat of~~ ^{offices} government in Berlin ^{tonight.}

ROME

Then from Rome comes ^{a big story -} the news that there has been a shake-up in the Italian Cabinet. Premier Mussolini does this sort of thing every now and then. Today he turned out ^{a whole group} ~~five~~ of his Ministers, *but most of them not out in the cold. Some were just shifted to other posts.*

The surprising thing was that Dino Grandi, the youthful and exceedingly popular Foreign Minister resigned. It is rumored that he may become Italian Ambassador at Washington.

When Signor Grandi was here last year he made an exceedingly favorable impression and was ~~very~~ much liked.

Only three ~~cabinet~~ positions in the Italian Cabinet remain unchanged. ^{TP} ~~It~~ ^{has} been Premier Mussolini's policy to rotate the more able men of the Fascist party in various offices. ~~He~~ The purpose of this is ^{so} ~~that~~ as many as possible may be in touch with as many departments of the government as possible, and be prepared for any emergency.

It is announced that Signor Mussolini will be his own Foreign Minister. He also assumes the portfolio of the department controlling corporations. *At any rate El Duce is still the big boss.*

CHINA

More trouble is reported from China. A dispatch to the Cleveland Press ^{states that} ~~reports~~ today ~~that~~ the Japanese bombed Chaoyang. This is an important city in the province of Jehol. They killed and wounded both Chinese soldiers and civilians with machine gun fire.

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South America was boiling ^{again} today, ~~as well~~. The Republics of Bolivia and Paraguay are talking war. In fact, the government of Paraguay announced that it had ^{just} won a victory ~~today~~ over Bolivian troops in a fight for ^{posi}tion of a fortress on the frontier ^{in the disputed Grand Chaco.} This victory occurred after a battle that lasted forty-eight hours.

The communication of the War Ministry ^{in Asuncion} announces that three Paraguayan soldiers were killed and eight wounded, but that the Bolivian casualties were believed to be heavier.

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And in Brazil the Federal troops were moving up heavy artillery to bombard the rebel position outside Sao Paulo. It is believed that the Federal forces of Brazil outnumber the revolutionaries heavily.

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affair in Brazil I found an illuminating
Apropos of this ~~there's an informative article in~~

explanation

this week's issue of the Literary Digest. The ^{new} Digest explains that

the 1930 revolt in Brazil was started because several other states

resented the commercial and political ~~dominance~~ ^{dominance of the rich & powerful state} of Sao Paulo.

Now, Sao Paulo is rebelling on its own account because under the government that has been in power since 1930, it is reduced to a minor position in Brazilian affairs. Sao Paulo, ~~as~~ ~~the Digest points out,~~ is the greatest coffee producing region in the world. The Digest conducted a poll by cable among Latin American papers. This revealed a great reluctance to comment on the Brazilian situation. However, one newspaper in Buenos Aires, the Nation, says that this movement shows the necessity for Brazil to turn to constitutional methods for the solution of her problem.^{s.}

JAZZ

They're trying a new experiment in ^a ~~the~~ menagerie in Paris. A special dispatch to the New York Sun relates that they are taking a jazz band from one of the popular night cafes and letting it play in front of the monkey cage.

The purpose of the experiment is to discover whether the monkeys will behave like human beings, or at least like patrons of night clubs.

Well, the observers were unable to detect any such reaction in the monkeys. At the same time they remark that in many other respects the ~~k~~ monkeys are extremely human. Or else humans are extremely ^{full of} monkey ~~business~~ *business*.

But there'll be no real scientific result from this experiment until the sound films are developed. If these sound films give a positive result indicating that monkeys are jazz conscious, the scientists will claim that it is new evidence that Darwin was right. But fundamentalists, on the other hand, will probably object ^{saying} that it only proves that jazzy people are like monkeys. So will be just where we were.

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GEORGE

A visitor of historic interest arrived at the airport in Newark, New Jersey, today. This visitor was Miss Ann Madison - Washington. She is a great, great grandniece of George Washington, also a direct descendant of President Madison. ~~xxxxxxx~~ A dispatch to the New York World Telegram says that she flew to Newark from Washington, D. C. and it was her first airplane flight.

The purpose of her visit is to accompany Major Jimmie Doolittle on the spectacular flight which he is to make next Monday.

Jimmie's ^{air jaunt} ~~stunt~~ will be in commemoration of ^{the} George Washington

Establishment of Bicentennial, also the 157th anniversary of the United States Postal

Service. ^{Major Lester Gardner, the aeronautical expert, tells me that} Jimmie Doolittle and Miss Washington will cover in an

airplane ~~in one day~~ the route of all the travels taken by George

Washington. They will go first to Kittery, Maine, and then fly down

across the Virginia Capes, thence as far west as Pittsburgh, returning

to New York State and down the Hudson River to New York City. These

journeys took George Washington at various times in his career months

to travel. His great great grandniece piloted by ^{the redoubtable aerial speed king} Jimmie Doolittle

will cover the entire territory in one day.

MURDER

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Warrants were issued today charging ^amurder in the second degree against four members of the police force of Nassau County, Long Island. One of the men so charged is a police lieutenant. The Deputy Chief of Police, who's also the political boss of Oyster Bay, Long Island, a Republican, is held as an accessory to the murder, and also charged with failure to perform his duties, ~~as~~ ~~policeman~~. This deputy chief ~~of police~~ is the man who is said to have boasted that he stood on the neck and stomach of ^{the} ~~a~~ prisoner, bouncing up and down. Seven other ^s~~policemen~~ are charged with assault in the second degree.

In addition to those accusations, all of these twelve policemen and one other are charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice.

These warrants were issued by order of ~~the~~ Supreme Court Justice Steinbrink who held an inquiry in the case ^{(committing} sitting as ⁾ magistrate. The charges ~~of~~ are the result of his findings as a magistrate.

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In making his report, Justice Steinbrink took occasion to make a vigorous statement ~~xxx~~ denouncing so-called third degree methods practised by the police all over the United States. For year^s, said the Justice, police lawlessness and brutality have been causing ~~xxxxxxx~~ serious concern to all judges. In this case, he added, we have a climax to those methods. He said further that he had not the slightest doubt that there ~~hx~~ was perjury throughout the entire investigation. There was a conspiracy among each and all the policemen to shield one another, he said.

OTTAWA

Officials and economists are getting worried over that British Empire conference in Ottawa. If all the dominions of the British commonwealth agree ~~to~~ ^{to build} a tariff wall around the empire, it will be a most serious thing for Uncle Sam.

Officials of the Department of Commerce in Washington made it known that a tariff wall around the British ~~Dominions~~ Dominions would strike at the heart of the United States and our great export ~~is~~ trade. In round figures we have a stake in that Imperial conference which is estimated at one billion six hundred million a year. For this ^{was} ~~was~~ the amount of the United States exports to the British Isles, the British colonies, and the British Dominions in 1930. In normal years this amount was even larger.

ADD OTTAWA

Representative Rainey of Illinois, Majority leader of
the House ^{of Reps.,} issued a statement blaming this situation on the
Republicans. Mr. Rainey complains that the policy of isolation for
Uncle Sam, continued so long under three Republican presidents, is
leaving Uncle Sam out in the cold, out of everything today. From
this we ^{may} gather that Rep. Rainey is a democrat.

PROSPERITY

Ah, ^{now far one that} ~~it~~ sounds encouraging. The Pittsburgh Press reports signs of a quickening of both public and private building, and the resumption of industry. Hundreds of factory and construction workers are being rehired. There seems also to be a new general activity reflecting itself in many lines of trade. These were among the refreshing features of an industrial survey covering the United States from Massachusetts to Utah.

These scattered reports were concerned ~~rather~~ with the hiring of workers who had hitherto been idle, ^{rather} than any direct stimulation of retail buying. Nevertheless, they were regarded in many quarters as showing one of the first signs of a revival of business. ~~On the other hand~~

On the other hand, three states reported serious labor trouble today. Precautions against riots were taken at Marseilles, Illinois, Lexington and High Point, North Carolina, and in Sullivan County, Indiana.

BONUS

(There was quite a row today in Washington, D.C., over the Bonus Army. The police were called out to control an insurgent group of two hundred of the boys who were trying to picket the White House. There was an open clash between the police and the B E F's. Two of the leaders of the Bonus army were arrested.

The White House is being heavily guarded.) Not only veterans but the general public were being kept out. In fact Senator Bingham and one of the President's stenographers were unable to get in. Anyhow, the White House today, with President Hoover working as usual, in his office, became virtually an armed fortress, just for the moment.

Washington probably has a larger variety of policemen than any other city in the world. First of all, there's the metropolitan police who have jurisdiction over the main part of the city. Theoretically they are not allowed to make any arrest in any of the hundreds of parks in Washington. The parks are under the jurisdiction of the park police, and the park police under the command of the War Department. They are known as the Capitol Police, and are chiefly young men who go to college in their spare time. Then too, the White House has its own special police.

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This is a small group of trained men. They have no authority outside the White House grounds, and they have nothing to do with guarding the President when he leaves the White House, ^{which is by} ~~the~~ up to the United States Secret Service.

OIL

Engineering and legal experts were at work today in Colorado Springs preparing ~~the~~ reports which will be presented to the American Petroleum Institute. The directors of the Petroleum Institute are planning to take up the question of curtailing production by 150,000 barrels a day. That, ^x is estimated, will bring production in line with consumption. It will mean a total production of two million barrels of oil a day instead of the present figure of two million one hundred and fifty thousand.

DALY

A wedding ^{which} took place in London ^{this morning} today reminds me of a once very picturesque and important person. The bride was Mrs. Marcus Daly II. She was the widow of the son of Marcus Daly, the famous copper miner of Montana.

Marcus Daly was one of the most colorful characters of the West. Anybody who knows Montana, or indeed who knows anything of ~~the West, at all, will~~ the West at all, will recall his famous and spectacular fights with Fritz Heinze.

It was Marcus Daly in association with George ~~H~~^aerst, father of William ~~Randolph~~^a Randolph ~~H~~^aerst, who found the famous Anaconda mines at Butte. As a matter of fact, they discovered that all Butte was really one large rich mass of copper. Out of this discovery they became fabulously rich.

Mrs. Marcus Daly is now Mrs. Djamgaroff. She is the daughter of an ~~Austrian~~ General, one of the officers of the Court of the late Emperor Franz Joseph.

BASEBALL

How about a little baseball for a change. One of the things that interests the fans today is that the Yankees continue their winning streak even without Babe Ruth. The Babe, as you, of course know, is out of the game for ~~several weeks~~ ^{awhile}, having injured his right leg in Monday's game. The Babe himself plans to be in uniform by the end of the week. But the doctors say no ^{Babe, stay in your own back yard + play marbles or mumbly peg.}

However, as I said, the Yanks are still winning.

The situation of the teams today shows that home runs no matter how picturesque they are and how thrilling to the fans, do not necessarily win pennants. For instance, the Yankees are considerably behind the Philadelphia Athletics in the number of home runs they ^{we} ~~have~~ hit. But the Yankees ⁵ have a lead of eight and a half ~~full~~ games over Connie Mack's ~~athletic~~ formidable Athletics. Jimmie Foxx, the Herculean outfielder ~~of~~ the Philadelphia team, is way ahead of Babe Ruth in ^{those} four-base-clouts. In fact, Foxx threatens to win the heart of the American boy away from the immortal Bambino. Jimmie Foxx turned in his 39th homer yesterday. ~~The~~

And the Babe has only 26.

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~~Al~~ Al Simmons and Mickey Cochran of the Athletics are also high up in the home run figures.

The Yank~~s~~ are thanking Ben Chapman, the swift footed outfielder for a good deal of their success. Chapman today is the most sensational stealer of bas~~e~~s in either of the major leagues.

He comes at a time when critics were declaring that the art of

stealing bases was ~~becoming~~ ^a lost ^{art}.

But Chapman is threatening to rival or ~~any~~ rate to approach the record of ~~even~~ the ^{one and only} ~~great~~ Ty Cobb.

Of course, Ty Cobb's world's record of 96 stolen bases in one year

will probably remain in tact for some time. But if anybody~~s~~ breaks

it, ^{well,} ~~probably will be~~ Ben Chapman, ^{is his name.}

to a home run there's no greater thrill ^{for me} than seeing a really artistic piece of base stealing.

Which reminds me that is is about time for me to slide

to the home plate and say so long until tomorrow.