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SAAR.

TP In France there's a report of rioting and violence in Hitler's Germany--^m the Saar. ~~districts~~ ^{that} That's the mining area [^] which the Versailles treaty withheld from Germany for years, the industrial valley that voted so overwhelmingly to return to Germany in the early days of the Hitler regime.

TP The French report tells of bitter discontent among the Saar workers because of the sixty hour week-- those ,long working hours which the Nazis have enforced in their feverish building of armament. Disturbances are said to have broken out on Hitler's birthday last week, the news only now leaking out. TP In the Burbach region, in the middle of the Hitler birthday celebration, mine and factory workers staged a riotous demonstration against the sixty hour week. It grew so violent that the troops had to be called out. They opened fire on the crowds-- ten killed and many wounded.

TP So says the rumor in France, which adds that there was another clash in the city of Saarbrucken. In ^a beer hall a political argument started and the subject was -- butter versus cannon. In the German

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food shortage, the chief item lacking is butter. The reason for the shortage is attributed to the giant Hitler armament program, which uses up all resources. The beer hall crowd got to discussing the merits of -- butter versus cannon, a fight broke out, and it grew so violent that the police had a battle on their hands-- they arrested twenty of the disturbers.

77 Such are reports said to be leaking through the ironclad Nazi censorship.

HITLER.

(This afternoon in Berlin, a copy of a speech was handed to the American charge de'affairs-- that's Hitler's way of giving a formal answer to President Roosevelt's peace proposal. Of course, the reply had previously been spoken, declaimed, shouted, ~~struck~~, ~~shouted~~ in one of those long Hitler harrangues. But President Roosevelt had sent a personal message to both Hitler and Mussolini, and a personal reply was expected-- not a public radio address. You could hardly consider a copy of a speech a personal reply, and the American view is that the German dictator has committed a breach of the diplomatic courtesies. ^RThere's White House indication that the President will not consider ^{it} a reply. The Germans contend that it's quite all right, because President Roosevelt's personal message to Hitler was made public before Hitler got it. That brings to the front the element of timing. At the White House it was pointed out today that President Roosevelt's message was sent to Hitler thirteen and a half hours before the President made it public at a special press conference. Maybe Hitler didn't receive it before publication-- but that was because he was away in ~~the~~ his Bavarian mountain retreat,

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secluded there. And the United States is hardly responsible for that.

Whether or not Hitler committed a breach of courtesy in his reply, doesn't seem to amount to much. The one thing that's definite is ^{THAT} ~~that~~ (he won't go to a world conference, such as the President suggested. The Brown shirt dictator made that emphatic with bitter words. As for Guaranteeing not to commit aggressions against smaller nations, some hope is seen in the Hitler suggestion that Germany might make such guaranties by direct negotiation with the smaller nations.) This is regarded as some sort of qualified and conditional acceptance of part of the Roosevelt plan. So let's look at the words the German dictator spoke.

"The German government," said he, "is prepared to give to each of the state^s named an assurance of the kind desired by Roosevelt." Then he added-- "provided that the state wishes it and itself addresses to the German government a request for such an assurance together with appropriate proposal."

Official opinion in London today was particularly important--

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because of Hitler's denunciation of the British-German naval treaty. He tossed out that agreement made several years ago, whereby Germany agreed to build a navy not more than a third as strong as that of Great Britain. He did that in his speech and later in a formal note to London, the British were saying today they were not much concerned about it--because if it comes to a naval race, Great Britain can outbuild Germany all over the place, all over the high seas.

The other nation that comes to the fore front tonight is Poland-- with Hitler denouncing the Polish-German non aggression treaty and voicing a direct demand for Danzig and for a strategic highway across the Polish corridor.) He wants a German owned road to connect those separated parts of Germany, West Prussia and East Prussia. The latest from Warsaw is an official statement by the Polish Government which uses two strong words. "Forcefully Reject," says Warsaw. The Polish army is ready ~~for~~ forcefully to reject any German attempt to impose a one-sided solution. ^{That is,} ~~the~~ the solution must not be one-sided-- both sides must come to an agreement. ^{It} Beneath the defiant Polish statement is an undercurrent of conciliation. Polish officials

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opinion today was saying that the Hitler speech with reference to Poland was not warlike in tone, and there's hope for a negotiated settlement.

Here's one thing that to me seems curiously significant. Last night we had a report from Warsaw that Poland might consent to have the free city of Danzig turned into a German free city-- German but not annexed by the German government. And today Hitler used those same three words-- Free German city. So maybe both sides think there's a way out in that ^{formula.} ~~formula~~

The general world opinion is that Hitler's reply to Roosevelt leaves things up in the air, nothing definite-- threats on one hand, and peaceful suggestions on the other. Hot and cold, leaving a general feeling of-- lukewarm.

KROCK.

TP President Roosevelt today issued a gentle correction. He corrected a writer, and a writer should always be reproved ^{--- because} gently-- he is so sensitive. ^{A writer} ~~He~~ enjoys having it said that his story is interesting and well written. Of course he'd also like to have it pronounced ~~to be~~ true-- true to life, true to facts, and not exactly a falsehood. But, "interesting" and "well written" will go along way.

TP Arthur Krock, ^{political} ~~political~~ columnist ^{for} of the New York Times, came out with a story that President Roosevelt ^{had} proposed a three-man world peace conference, the three men being himself and the two dictators, Hitler and Mussolini. This political trinity to meet on the ocean, aboard a ship and discuss the peace of the world.

TP Highly dramatic that!

TP President Roosevelt referred to the Arthur Krock story today, and made a gentle correction. He said it was interesting and well written-- but not true. A perfect story except for that one small defect-- not true.

FLYERS.

The story of the Soviet trans-Atlantic flight is one of increasing speed. The pilot is Brigadier General Vladimir Kokkinaki who is called the aviation hero of the Soviet Union. His navigator is Major Mikhail Gordienko. They took off from Moscow last night and went winging westward. Today they reported head winds over the North Atlantic. That slowed them down to one hundred and forty miles an hour. This afternoon as they neared the coast of Labrador, the head wind diminished. So their speed increased to one hundred and sixty and one hundred and seventy miles an hour. As they turned south, the weather indications showed they would have a tail-wind all the way down the coast. Meaning-- increased speed, getting to their goal all the quicker-- an earlier landing at Newyork.

~~(They may have landed by time you get on the air. If so I will phone and the landing can be the lead of the story.)~~

DEVALERA.

The President of the United States today sent a message to the President of Ireland. He expressed keen regret that DeValera has cancelled his visit to America and the New York World's Fair.

"I hope the postponement will be short," President Roosevelt said to President DeValera. "I am looking with real pleasure to seeing you."

Word from Ireland confirms the explanation we had last night, that DeValera has cancelled his American visit because of the British Conscription and its relation to North Ireland [^]Ulster. Official circles in Dublin were saying today that if London applies the conscription law to Northern Ireland, the Nationalist Government will decidedly resent it-- will consider it a violation of Irish national sovereignty. Obviously, this ties in with the Dublin contention that Ulster, though now a separate government, is really a part of the Irish Nation. It also refers to the fact that Ulster contains a large element of nationalist Irish who do not consider themselves British, and would oppose being conscripted into the British Army.

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Lord Craigavon, the Ulster premier, has specifically asked prime
minister Chamberlain to apply conscription to Ulster, but Dublin
expresses the opinion that London will think twice before doing so--
~~will reckon with the opposition of the Nationalist Irish Government.~~

METHODISTS.

Today at KansasCity there occurred an event which will stand as historic in the annals of religion in America. The Methodists are holding a great convention, and today two bishops were elected. That doesn't seem so extraordinary-- Methodists electing bishops. But wait a minute, let's take a closer look.

The KansasCity Methodists convention is working to achieve church unity, ~~is~~ bringing together three separate branches of Methodists^M which have been a part for a long time. Two of the branches are the churches north and south. We all know why they split-- because of bitter difference dividing the North and South in the slavery controversy that led to the Civil War. The third branch broke away from the main body at an earlier date-- in eighteen twenty eight. At that time a group in the Methodist - Episcopal church objected strenuously to what it called, "the autocracy of the Bishops." That faction of Methodists didn't like the amount of authority the Bishops possessed. So they seceded, dropped the word "Episcopal" and called themselves-- the Methodist Protestant Church. They've gone on maintaining a separate existence, and they'
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the group which today elected two bishops. ~~It is~~ Obviously a long step toward unification, [^] the Methodist Protestant Church dismissing its hundred and eleven year old quarrel about bishops, and electing bishops. This -- while the churches North and South are working to bury their old differences on the grounds of sectionalism.

CAR

On the historic Indianapolis Speedway, a pygmy made its appearance today -- a small automobile. It's a new type of lilliputian motor car developed by the Crosley Corporation of Cincinnati. The minute speedster went flashing around that well known brick track -- whirling along at fifty-two miles an hour. And it was getting sixty miles on a gallon on gas -- which is plenty of mileage for anybody's gallon of Blue Sunoco.

This small low-priced car brings true a life long dream of Powel Crosley -- a car that will provide cheaper transportation. The Crosley brothers, Powel and Louis, have had their auto-building bee in their bonnets for thirty-nine years. When they were boys, in the year 1900, they built an electric automobile. But they just joke about that. The new one is no joke. And it's to be distributed by their 50,000 dealers.

It was a gala day out here for the Crosleys. Powel's Cincinnati Reds won a sensational game. The Cubs had been leading all the way. But in the ninth Ival Goodman slapped a homer over the fence, bringing in three home runs;

and that puts the Reds in first place. So six foot four
Powel Crosley has his head in the clouds tonight -- a new
car launched, and his ball team leading the National League,
so no wonder!

BABY.

Here's a new use for a baby, and it landed the ingenious lady in court today. In Buffalo, a family was getting relief money, and the wife borrowed a baby from one of the neighbors. To the relief authorities she passed the infant ^{off} as her own, and thereby got a boost in the relief allowance. The authorities found it out and today the judge said "Guilty". He mercifully suspended the sentence, however, with the admonition --- "baby borrowing doesn't go."

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