

ROUMANIA

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The most war scared country in the world today is Roumania. Its capital, Bucharest, took on the appearance of an embattled city. Regiment after regiment of soldiers marched through the streets. Reservists were flocking to the barracks. Women wept as their husbands were torn from them. A Roumanian scene that looked almost like mobilization. There are no exact figures, but it is believed three hundred thousand have already been called to the colors. King Carol's total war ~~army~~ strength is rated at half a million.

The Defense Minister of Roumania announced, "If the atmosphere is brighter in ten or fifteen days, the reservists called out will be immediately ~~sent back~~ sent back to work."

People are starting to hoard food. The price of sugar went up terrifically, and at that there is scarcely any to be had. Depositors are drawing <sup>their</sup> ~~their~~ money out of the banks.

And, it wasn't any too safe to speak German on the streets of Bucharest. Several Germans were mobbed. An editor was arrested, the editor of Roumania's most pro-German newspaper

who has been openly clamoring for a totalitarian state.

Another man was under arrest, a former Cabinet Minister.

He held the ~~pr~~ portfolio of Finance Minister under former Premier Tutarescu. Recently he was Bucharest representative of the big German chemical trust.

To add to the scare were rumors that Hungarian troops had crossed the border. There was also fear of an attack by Bulgaria to recover territory lost during the World War.

MEMEL

( Without a blow being struck or a shot fired, the German flag flies once more over the seaport and surrounding territory of Memel. ~~Yesterday~~ Hitler left Berlin this afternoon for ~~the Baltic seaport~~ <sup>the</sup> and a few hours later boarded the battleship DEUTSCHLAND. At five o'clock tomorrow morning, long columns of German troops from East Prussia will occupy Memel. And tomorrow night the Fuehrer will make his triumphant entry. )

The news from Memel itself is an old story. All Jewish and anti-Nazi people who can leave are fleeing for their lives. The rest remain behind in terror. The Nazis, of course, are jubilant.

After last week's events, the seizure of Memel left the rest of the world unexcited. The British government indicated that it would do nothing, though (Sir Samuel Hoare told the House of Commons that Lithuania had yielded to Hitler's demands because he had threatened the occupation of the entire country. ~~if they did not give him~~ Memel, *or else.* )

~~Another Cabinet Minister told the Commons that Britain is strengthening her military establishment in the colonies for~~



the first time since the World War. And the House of Commons passed a bill to block all ~~Czech~~ bank accounts of the Czechoslovakian government or former Czechoslovakian citizens in English banks.

Nazi officials disavow any intention of making Lithuania another German protectorate. But that's qualified by the statement that of course the Lithuanians will be economically and politically under the hegemony of the neighboring colossus.

PARIS

The news from Paris is that Premier Daladier is hurrying ~~up a sudden move~~ to settle his differences with Mussolini. He received word from the French Ambassador in Rome that the time is ripe just now for a peaceful agreement with the Duce. That has stirred the Daladier Cabinet into action and they're supposed to have outlined a three-point program. <sup>In fact</sup> They've got <sup>ten</sup> to the point of indirect negotiation.

This story seems to have reliable authority in Paris. It comes right on the heels of reports of a coolness between Mussolini and Hitler. Ever since the Fuehrer took over Czechoslovakia, we've been hearing that the Duce was annoyed.

However, there's no confirmation of those rumors, and it's announced today that Mussolini's speech on Sunday will be a loud repetition of his stout adherence to the Rome-Berlin Axis. The Fascists say more positively than ever that they're sure of German support in their claims against France, and that the Italian Ambassador to Berlin has just brought a private message to Mussolini from Hitler, repeating that assurance.

FOUR-POWER

The "stop-Hitler" movement in Europe is running on the rocks, already. I mean the four-power bloc ~~against~~ against the *furious* Fuehrer. Poland is backing down and there's not much of a surprise in that. The Poles are in a quandary. They have to choose between ~~losing~~ *the possible loss of* the Polish Corridor including Danzig on the one hand, and being defended by Soviet Communist troops on the other. ~~And they're~~ *— mumbling in their hissing*

~~Both~~ *the* sour alternatives to the Polish ~~people~~ *people*.

~~The~~ Warsaw government hasn't definitely said "No" to the four-power union idea. But the word is that the Polish leaders want to have positive, unmistakable guarantees that they won't be let down the way Czechoslovakia was. They want to be assured of effective military help from England, France and ~~Russia~~

*— not mere consultation.*  
Russia before they'll sign on the dotted line. ~~of any such alliance.~~

So ~~that seems to be~~ *it's* likely to ~~become~~ *become* a three-power bloc, England, France and Russia, the old line-up of August, Nineteen Fourteen; *but a somewhat different* Russia.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*



DEFENSE

Another big item on President Roosevelt's program was cleaned up today, cleaned up for good. That's the bill to expand the army air force to six thousand planes. <sup>And</sup> It didn't take long. ~~to wind up that little matter.~~ The final report of the Conference Committee was approved by both House and Senate in half an hour. And at <sup>(this)</sup> ~~the~~ moment <sup>2</sup> that bill is in the White House, ready for the President's signature.

In addition to three hundred million dollars for <sup>the Air</sup> ~~air force,~~ <sup>Service</sup> it authorizes the President to spend fifty-eight millions for a larger army, and <sup>for</sup> Panama Canal defenses.

FOLLOW DEFENSE

In the midst of reports of enormous expenditures for national defense, it is interesting to know how one private industry is helping to provide an arm of naval defense at comparatively unimportant expense to the government. The oil tankers, fuel ships available for the Navy when needed, are built and paid for by the oil industry and used in time of peace to bring petroleum from the South and West to Eastern refineries. <sup>TR</sup> Ordinarily tankers have about four thousand horse power and twelve knots speed. But Navy tenders must have much more power and speed. So the government recently contracted to have a number of fast tankers built for the oil industry and contribute enough to pay for the extra power and speed. So long as the Navy doesn't need them they work for the oil company with no maintenance charges to be paid by the government. <sup>TR</sup> Under this arrangement, effected through the Maritime Commission the fastest tankers in the world are now being built. One ~~tax~~ tanker, the CIMARRON, in her recent trial trip reached a speed of 19.41 knots making her probably the world's fastest tanker <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ 16,900 horse power, cargo capacity one hundred and fifty thousand barrels, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ cruising radius of ten thousand miles. She was promptly taken over by the Navy at the contract price <sup>of</sup> ~~for~~ construction. Mounts are



provided for four guns. <sup>R</sup> Incidentally, the CIMARRON was built by the Sun Oil Company, producers of Sunoco Motor Oil and other petroleum products.

L.T. - SUNOCO. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1939.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~A big surprise in Washington tonight,~~ President  
Roosevelt won <sup>is a</sup> ~~a quite unexpected~~ <sup>(of a sort)</sup> victory in the Senate. ~~They've~~  
~~the passing of~~ <sup>ed</sup> his Reorganization Bill ~~with~~ <sup>with changes.</sup>  
Last night <sup>the President's</sup> ~~you will remember his~~ supporters took a  
~~decisive~~ licking on the Wheeler amendment, ~~the amendment~~ which  
would have reduced the power of the White House in this reorganization  
business. This afternoon, by a sudden reversal, the Senate  
reconsidered, and reconsidering threw that Wheeler amendment out.  
It was a close call, just one vote did it. The vote of Senator  
Dennis Chavez. The New Mexico Senator's shift naturally created a  
furore of curiosity. "Why did you change?" they asked him.  
And he explained: "The amendment by Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming  
covered the point I was chiefly interested in."

"What was that point?" they asked.

"I wanted to save the forestry service from being wiped out," *said he.*

That explanation didn't satisfy the sleuth-minded Washington reporters. One of them said: "But Senator O'Mahoney's amendment had been introduced before you voted yesterday."

"Well," replied Chavez, "I didn't hear it."

The vote on the amendment was forty-six to forty-four.

And that practically finished the battle. The Senators then went on to pass the Reorganization Bill as a whole. It went over with a clear majority of forty. The final vote, sixty-three - twenty-three. All but two Republican Senators voted against it, also three Democrats. There wasn't much debate over the last round. Both sides were worn out by yesterday's long <sup>and</sup> loud oratory.

~~Now of course it has to go to conference, but the result is a pretty much foregone conclusion.~~ The House already has passed a bill in substantially the same <sup>in</sup> form as the one the Senate put through today.

~~Essentially~~ nineteen government agencies are exempted from the provisions of this bill. They include the Interstate

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Commerce Commission, Federal Communications Commission, National  
Labor Relations Board, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Power  
Commission, United States Maritime Commission, General Accounting  
Office, and Security and Exchange Commission.



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ADD LEAD

It also exempts the Civil Service Commission, Coast Guard, Army Engineer Corps, Mississippi River Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Board of Tax Appeals, Veterans Administration, National Mediation Board, National Railroad Adjustment Board, National Railroad Retirement Board, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Governors of the Federal Reserve System, United States Employees Compensation Commission, and United States Tariff Commission.

The question ~~that is going to puzzle a lot of us~~ now is, *bureaus are* what ~~is~~ left for a president to reorganize? *So, it sounds* ~~maybe that will be~~ *apparent in a day or so. like an administration* *victory — or a sort.*

PERKINS

Madame la Secretary Perkins will not be impeached. A  
judiciary sub-committee of the House has been investigating the  
charges brought against her by <sup>a</sup> Republican Representative ~~Strom~~ of  
New Jersey. And today the report was completed. By a three-to-two  
vote it clears the Labor Secretary. The three who uphold her are  
Democrats. The Republican minority of two agreed that Madam Perkins  
should not be impeached. At the same time they said that she was  
more lenient with Australian Harry Bridges than she should have been.



MANTON

There was a unique spectacle today in the Federal District Court of New York. The clerk called "Martin T. Manton". Then a man stood up before the bench who had himself occupied one of the highest benches in the land, the senior judge of the Second United States Circuit Court of Appeals. There he stood, this once prominent <sup>jurist,</sup> ~~judge,~~ making his plea to charges that he had been bribed as a judge. Martin T. Manton pleaded not guilty and was released on ten thousand dollars' bail.

DAVIS

An echo of the Hines trial, the conviction of the popular Tammany leader! Supreme Court Justice Pecora of New York passed sentence today upon the two men who have been the principal witnesses against Hines. The notorious Dixie Davis, lawyer for the Schultz policy racket, gets one year in prison. A lenient sentence, *given of course because* ~~in consideration of the fact that~~ he turned state's evidence. Also, he was allowed to deduct the hundred and seventy days which he has already spent in prison. So actually he will serve only about four months with time off for good behavior.

The other state's witness, Big Harry Schoenhaus, the money man of the numbers racket, got a suspended sentence.

Everyone wonders now what sentence will be awarded to Leader Jimmy Hines.

*which he obviously wants*

in DOG LICENSE

There's a warm-hearted Magistrate in the city of Montreal. His name is Recorder Leonee Plaunte -- and if I haven't pronounced that name right I hope he and all other listeners in Quebec will forgive me. A citizen appearēd in that Recorder's court today arrested because he had not bought a license for his dog. The Citizen ~~said~~ <sup>stated</sup> he was on Relief, couldn't afford to pay two dollars for a dog license. But he said: "Please let me keep the dog, he's the only pet the children have." The Recorder asked: "How many children have you?" And the Citizen replied: "Nineteen sir, and everyone of them loves the dog and he loves everyone of them." Said the Recorder: "That's quite a job for any dog." "So", he added, "I will let you have one dog for every child and no licenses."

On the strength of that he should be able to raise quite a kennel if he can afford to buy meat for nineteen dogs, which he obviously can't.



TARZAN

The most ironic story in today's home news concerns that Wyoming Tarzan for whom all the law officers of the state are hunting. Because he killed an elk out of season, already two men are dead. ~~Those who know him are betting that still more deputy sheriffs will bite the dust before he is caught.~~ They've been hunting him with ~~care and hunting him with~~ bloodhounds, but they're still a long way from catching up with him. ~~However,~~ <sup>He</sup> was heard from again today when he walked into a farmhouse with a rifle ready to fire. The farmer and his wife had no doubt who he was. They knew also what this Tarzan - his name is Earl Durand - can do with a rifle. There's a legend that he can throw a baseball into the air and fire four rifle bullets into it before it drops. ~~Whether that's true or not, he's a marvelous shot.~~ A great woodsman; and that's why they call him the "Tarzan of the mountains."

*He ordered the*  
~~He had no evil intentions toward that~~ farmer and his wife.

~~He merely ordered them~~ to start up their car and drive him over a winding mountain road. When they reached the ~~headwater~~ headwaters of Rocky Creek, near the Montana border, he got out and promptly lost himself in the forest of the Elk Horn Mountains. ~~The farmer~~

BRIDE

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Out in Los Angeles there's a lady who has reversed the old saying, "Often a bridesmaid but never a bride." ~~This lady has been often a bride but there's no record of her having been a bridesmaid. At any rate,~~ she became a bride for the ninth time today. Mrs. Leonora Duncanson, seventy-seven years old, became the blushing and optimistic spouse of a fifty-nine year old gentleman who has hitherto been a bachelor. For fifty-nine years he escaped; ~~finally~~ <sup>now</sup> landed by a girl of seventy-seven. The bride, incidentally, is a clergyman - or ~~do you call it~~ clergywoman? ~~She's~~ Minister in the Psychic Science Church of Los Angeles.

Said she: "Of all my nine marriages, this will be the greatest romance." *And then added:-* "Read your Bible and there you'll find that the number <sup>1</sup> Nine is a charmed one." *And And s-l-u-t-m.*

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The Reverend lady first became a bride at the mature age of twelve. Four of her husbands shuffled off this mortal soil, four she lost by divorce.