

LEAD →

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~~and well they might be, for~~ Tonight neither side

in that world-shaking quarrel shows any sign of backing down.

Hitler apparently means business at the cannon's mouth.

If the Poles continue what he calls their provocation of Germany

he will destroy ~~xx~~ Poland with the sword. If Britain and

France put in their oar, they too will be destroyed. That's

what he is quoted as having said to Dr. Burckhardt, High

Commissioner of the League of Nations for Danzig. Burckhardt

reported this conversation to London. It was this which moved

(the Chamberlain Cabinet to send Ambassador Sir Neville

Henderson with a personal message to the Fuehrer. It repeated

Chamberlain's warning that if he starts to carry out his plans

for carving up ~~xi~~ Poland, Great Britain and France will stand

by their guarantees. In other words -- war. This warning,

this personal message from Chamberlain, the Fuehrer rejected

categorically and curtly.) The quarrel between Germany and

Poland over Danzig is none of Great Britain's business, ~~none~~

nor of the French, <sup>said he.</sup> It was officially announced in Berlin that

Hitler had informed the British Ambassador that no warning, no

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word from either Great Britain or France would persuade Germany to deviate one step from her vital national interests.

~~For~~ For a while today the world was electrified by a report that Hitler had offered Poland the alternative of being partitioned ~~partially~~ once more or becoming a Nazi Protectorate like Bohemia and Moravia. But that was eventually denied. More conservative observers believe the previous stories of Hitler's offer to the Polish Government <sup>-that</sup> If the Poles will make a peaceful gesture, Hitler will be content with the return of Danzig and of a German Corridor across the Polish Corridor, and upper Silesia.

( The word from London is that the British are prepared for the worst. The tone of every report indicates that both they and the French have reconciled themselves to the fact that war is inevitable, saving and excepting either a miracle or another surrender like that of Munich last year.) King George VI is rushing down to London from Scotland to be present at a special meeting of the Privy Council tomorrow. By ~~British~~ British tradition only the King in Council has the power to make peace and war.

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The Board of Trade issued an order forbidding the export of raw materials. <sup>It also</sup> The system for warning the population against air raids is virtually on a war basis, working twenty-four hours a day.

In France troop trains continue to take soldiers toward the Maginot Line and the Italian frontier. Premier Daladier announces the calling of more reserve <sup>S</sup> ~~troops~~ to the colors. Though it's not specifically announced, one may assume that the French Military are also carefully guarding the Spanish frontier. In this war, when and if it breaks, France will be in the awkward position of having not one front to <sup>worry about,</sup> ~~defend~~ but three. And even that doesn't include the possibility of a German invasion through Switzerland.

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( Moscow today presented a spectacle which even as late  
*as two days*  
~~as a year~~ ago would have seemed impossible. From the  
Flagstuffs there fluttered emblems strange indeed for the  
capitol of Red Bolshevism. The Swastika flags of Germany,  
~~were hoisted there.~~ They waved a greeting to foreign Minister  
Von Ribbentrop, envoy extraordinary from Adolph Hitler, who  
for so long paraded himself before the world as the number  
one enemy of Bolshevism.) Extra police lined the five miles  
from the airport to the Kremlin while Ribbentrop, <sup>s</sup> escorted  
by a special secret police body guard, *and accompanied by* ~~and~~ the Italian and  
German ambassadors, paid a state visit to <sup>s</sup> ~~Molotov~~ Molotov, Soviet  
Premier and Foreign Commisar. ( Ribbentrop had two long  
conferences with Molotov discussing ~~that world hattering pact,~~  
the non-agression treaty which *may* ~~will~~ again revolutionize the map  
of Europe and *change* ~~probably~~ the destiny of the world.

But here is almost the cream of the grim jest that  
Stalin has played on Great <sup>s</sup> ~~British~~ Britain and France. Molotov has  
notified London and Paris that the Soviets are willing to go on  
talking about a Three Power Treaty for reciprocal aid and support.

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They'll talk in one breath a now-war treaty with Hitler, and in another breath a military alliance with Hitler's enemies.)

From Moscow there's a late report that the non-aggression pact may not be as nearly complete as the Germans are saying.

ITALY

In all this complicated and tumultuous European scenario one hears almost nothing of Italy and ~~Buce~~ Mussolini, but one dispatch from Rome ~~reports~~ reports that Foreign Minister Count Ciano received the French Ambassador for the first time in a couple of months. And it was reported that the British Ambassador had handed Count Ciano a copy of Chamberlain's warning to ~~Fuehrer Adolf~~ Hitler.

L.T. Sunoco - Wednesday, August 23, 1939

Leopold.

~~Good Evening, Everybody:-~~

The chaos in Europe was most tersely and accurately described this evening by King Leopold III of Belgium.

Over the air he told the world that the big nations are ~~not~~ mobilizing almost all of their armed forces, and the world is living in such tension that collaboration between countries seems impossible. And he added that there's not a single nation which wishes to send its children to war. <sup>He</sup> "It is still possible to negotiate, the worst can be avoided," <sup>said he. "But,</sup> ~~But,~~ warned the

King of the Belgians, "time presses. As the crisis grows more acute all contacts will soon be difficult. War will bring economic collapse. There will be no victor." King Leopold

was speaking for the seven so-called Oslo nations. ~~There was a~~ note in his radio speech which conveyed the idea that he thought a world peace conference might be achieved. But that was belied by the tone of the Belgian King's voice, his grave and measured sentences.

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BLACKOUT

~~It looks as though darkness tonight might cover a~~  
~~wide portion of not only Europe~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~but~~ the British Isles, ~~Every~~  
place where raiding airplane bombers might strike is prepared  
for a blackout. ) The Metropolitan police of London send <sup>t</sup> a  
notice throughout the city ordering every building, every house,  
to be ready to extinguish every light at an instant's notice.  
Not only tonight but every night hereafter. And the Home Office  
has telephoned instructions to the authorities of every city,  
every community, to be ready to do the same. Building owners  
and housekeepers were hurrying around to board up their windows  
or drape them. ~~so that any essential lights could not be seen~~  
~~through them.~~

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It was announced that <sup>if</sup> ~~if~~ the blackout-order has  
been issued the police will smash any window and enter any  
building where a light is showing.

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STRIKE - LONDON

Just to make things <sup>harder</sup> ~~easier~~ for the British Government,  
it is faced with a strike of railway workers. For some time  
the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen  
have been demanding higher wages, shorter hours. Last week  
they were turned down by the four principal lines in Great  
Britain. The engineers and firemen retaliated with a strike  
to begin next Saturday. The Minister of Labor today implored  
them to postpone it. But the railroad men refused. <sup>Any such strike would</sup> ~~That will~~  
tie up the principal British transportation arteries just when  
they're most needed.

## MARKETS

As a rule such news as burned up the wires today might be expected to raise havoc in the markets of the world. Curiously enough the Exchanges in Europe were ~~quite~~ quiet and dull. The same thing happened in Wall Street. At the opening of the day brokers and traders were seldom more calm. But as the news from Europe poured in stocks began to wobble, some of them reaching the lowest point of the year. By the same token commodities rushed toward the sky in typical war scare fashion.

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Then came a short but portentous cable from the money district of London. Lloyd's, the great insurance institution, jumped all war risk insurance rates. Thereupon Wall Street woke up and started selling. This in spite of news inside the United States that should have caused stocks to rise, reports of increased building, of heavy activity in steel production. The big demand for F.H.A. mortgages, increase in car-loadings. The war scare was more potent than all these optimistic influences.

ADD MARKET

The biggest excitement was in the famous old ~~what~~ wheat pit of the Board of Trade in Chicago. And the grain traders went hectic with the belief that war in Europe is a ~~fact~~ foregone conclusion.

The same thing happened at Winnepeg, the big center of the Canadian grain market. Wheat went up the legal limit, five cents. ~~and~~ Only the legal limit stopped its ~~going higher~~.

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The war scare cut short a lot of official vacations in these United States as well as in Europe. It sent both the President and the Secretary of State hastening back to Washington as fast as steam would take them. Mr. Roosevelt had planned to catch fish in the Gulf Stream, or maybe only to teach the bait to swim. Instead of that he ordered the Commanding Officer of the Cruiser Tuskaloosa to make speed for Sandy Hook, New Jersey. There he will land at eight o'clock tomorrow morning, motor to Red Bank, New Jersey, and take a special train <sup>on south</sup> ~~from there~~ to the Capital. A staff of Secretaries from the White House will meet him at Red Bank ~~is~~ so that he can get to work the minute he's on board the train.

Secretary Hull, who was at White Sulpher Springs, left early this morning and was back in the Capital late this afternoon.

ADD ROOSEVELT

However <sup>the</sup> The State Department did not wait for the return of Secretary ~~Hart~~ to issue an official warning, a warning to all Uncle Sam's nephews and nieces. Don't travel in Europe! Stay off liners crossing the Atlantic! <sup>FF</sup> Steamers leaving the other side of the Atlantic are filled up with Americans rushing home. The German liner Bremen left Cherbourg tonight with a passenger list of eighteen hundred, of which twelve hundred are Americans.

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A firecracker ~~that was almost a young bombshell~~  
exploded under the Dies Committee investigating un-American  
activities, <sup>today. It was revealed</sup> ~~it became known~~ that a man who applied for a  
job as investigator for the committee had received money which  
was supposed to have come from the Silver Shirt Fascists of  
Ashville, North Carolina. The man is Frasier Gardner of  
Washington. He admitted today that the money came from the  
Skyland Press of Ashville, ~~North Carolina.~~ <sup>ville,</sup> Gardner said he didn't  
know that it had any connection with the Silver Shirts. But  
he said he did believe that William D. Pelley, the founder of  
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Attorney for appropriate prosecutive action under the perjury statutes or any other statutes pertaining to the case.

Dies also said that Gardner had come to him with recommendations from some United States Senators and high officials of the Government. ~~Gardner had been receiving about fifty dollars a week from the Skyland Press where the Silver Shirts come from.~~

BUSCH

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But Europe is not the only scene of tragic political drama. Early this afternoon a dispatch from La Paz, capital of Bolivia, brought word that President-Dictator General German Busch had been gravely wounded. The official communication ~~had~~ added that he himself had fired the shot, ~~that wounded him and~~ that it was accidental. Later, the drama and mystery became more sensational. President Busch is dead.

Only a few weeks ago we ~~had~~<sup>heard</sup> of an attempt at ~~revolution~~ in La Paz, a palace revolution. It was soon over because General Busch, ~~put out the~~<sup>with an</sup> iron hand, suppressed it ~~promptly~~ in strict dictatorial fashion. Tonight La Paz has a provisional President, General Carlos Quintanilla, Commander-in-Chief of the Bolivian Army.



STEAMER

Only ~~the~~ war scare news could overshadow the shocking sea disaster in Brazilian waters. A coastal steamer carrying forty-six passengers was ~~just~~ entering a harbor <sup>just</sup> south of Bahia. The seas were running high and that ~~coastwise~~ steamer was having difficulty. As she ~~was~~ <sup>ed along</sup> ~~tossing~~ ~~there~~ came a wave even larger than the <sup>others,</sup> ~~rest,~~ a mountain of water that ~~capz~~ capsized the ship. Forty-six passengers <sup>perished</sup> ~~were drowned~~ and seventeen members of the ~~crew~~ crew, ~~drowned~~ within sight of land. ~~Six~~ Only three were saved, the Captain, the First Officer and a child.

A new world's speed record for motor cars, six miles  
*And this is*  
a minute. ~~It's~~ the latest phase of the long-drawn-out speed  
duel between British Captain Eyston and British Fur Broker  
John Cobb. A year ago Cobb was champion, travelling three-hundred-  
and-fifty miles an hour. But he wasn't champion long.  
Twenty-four hours later Eyston took the blue ribbon away from  
him. Yesterday, ~~you may recall,~~ Cobb sent his twenty-six hundred  
horsepower car over the Bonneville Salt Flats at <sup>nearly</sup> three-hundred-and  
~~sixty-nine~~ <sup>seventy</sup> miles an hour; ~~That's more than~~ nineteen miles an  
hour faster than Eyston's mark. But that speed of yesterday was  
not official. Today he drove the measured mile one way three-hundred  
and-seventy and three-quarters miles an hour, and on the return trip  
slowed down to three -hundred-and-sixty-six and ninety-seven  
hundredths miles an hour. When they asked him why he slowed  
down he replied: "Safety first, even at six miles ~~xx~~ a minute."  
And he said he knew he had gone fast enough one way for a record,  
*So all* ~~and~~ <sup>was</sup> he wanted <sup>to</sup> cinch the record and be sure to get back. ~~At~~  
~~any rate,~~ John Cobb, ~~is~~ <sup>may</sup> now the fastest <sup>in</sup> the world, on wheels.  
~~Let's see how long he'll hold it.~~

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PRIZE FIGHT

One bit of American news leads us blithely from the tragic to the ridiculous. It's about ~~that~~ prize fight last night, the decision that caused the good right arm of Lou Ambers instead of Henry Armstrong to be raised ~~ix~~ when the

fight was over. There's an ~~ag~~ angry aftermath to that *furiously* lightweight championship bout. It's the ~~good~~ old story.

Armstrong's manager ~~complained~~ *ing* complained in classic prize-ring terms: "We was ~~wronged~~ *robbed!*" *Claims it was a crooked* He says one deputy of the New York *decision.*

Boxing Commission sat on a stool directly under Amber's corner and *coached* ~~watched~~ Ambers all through the fight. Armstrong's manager

~~xxx~~ also complained that Ambers won by sticking his thumb in Armstrong's eye. The eye was taken to a physician today to

be examined. The physician said that Armstrong's eyes were so badly beaten up he couldn't tell whether it was done by fists or thumbs, *—or feet* ~~so~~ today the manager of Henry Armstrong asks the

Boxing Commission to reverse that decision and give it to his man.

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