

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

All Europe, in fact the whole world, ^{has been} ~~was~~ waiting ~~today~~ for word from Ankara. It became evident today that ^{much now} ~~everything~~ depends on what kind of reply the Turkish Government makes to that special letter from Hitler. All afternoon the Turkish Cabinet and the Chief of Staff of the army were debating. But as yet no hint comes from Ankara. In fact it is not even definitely known what demands ~~the~~ ^{Hitler} ~~Hitler~~ made, although on their ~~re~~ reply depends the answer to the ~~big~~ question, -"How soon will the Nazis make a dash for the Dardanelles?"

That much was virtually admitted at Berlin. A correspondent asked the Nazi authorities what about all those rumors of ^{vast} ~~massive~~ German troop concentrations on the Turkish borders of Thrace? The Nazi spokesman pointed out that hitherto the German Balkan army, which is now in Bulgaria, has averted regions close to Turkey, and then he added a brief, pithy sentence, using these words, "There can be a lot of changes in two days."

BULGARIA

The people of Sofia today had their first taste of what it means to become subjects of Hitler. They had to stand by while Nazi motorized military equipment rumbled through the streets of the capital. Although Hitler's troops have been in Bulgaria for a long time, they had not yet been seen in Sofia itself.

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This happened soon after British Minister Rendel had taken his leave of the Bulgarian Prime Minister. Reports of that farewell interview tell us that Rendel warned the Bulgarian Premier ^{of what} that ~~Sofia might~~ *Bulgaria may have become a servant of Germany.* suffer. The Bulgarian replied that he didn't think so, that he didn't think Hitler could be defeated, in other words he was playing what he thought to be the ^{winning horse.} ~~side of the winner in the war.~~ Rendel ^{answered this by saying} ~~replied~~ that Mussolini had once thought the same thing and look at Mussolini now.

It was announced today that the Bulgarians had ordered a tremendous mobilization of ~~xxxxxx~~ all men from sixteen to forty-five and all women from twenty to fifty.

JUGOSLAVIA

The British are ^{doing their utmost} ~~working hard~~ to prevent Yugoslavia from ^{going over to} ~~falling into~~ the Nazi ^{s.} ~~new~~. Sir Ronald Campbell, ~~the~~ ^{who} British Minister to Belgrade, has been on a visit to Athens conferring with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Chief of Staff Sir John Dill, ~~and~~ tonight ~~Minister Campbell~~ is flying back to Belgrade to ^{meet} ~~talk~~ to the Yugoslav Premier and Foreign Minister. The grapevine report is that ^{Sir Ronald} Campbell has been instructed to promise the Yugoslav ^s ~~government~~ swift aid to help it resist the hitherto bloodless Balkan onslaught of Adolf Hitler.

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But tonight one of the loudest rumors around Belgrade has it that the Regent Prince Paul may be summoned to Germany ~~and~~ at any moment for a meeting with ~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler, at which ~~which~~ he will be compelled to sign on the dotted line. Neutral diplomats in the Yugoslav capital do not believe the British will be able to achieve their latest goal, the organization of an anti-Nazi front in the Balkans, ^{made up} ~~composed~~ of Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

And here's an ominous fact. Members of the British colony in Belgrade have been urged ^{by London} to leave the country as soon as possible.

MOROCCO

There has been quite a migration of disguised German soldiers into French Morocco. A considerable number of Nazi officers and technicians in plain clothes have ^{been} filtered into ^{French} ~~that~~ ^{Morocco.} ~~country.~~ Charges to that effect were first made by General Charles deGaulle, leader of the Free Frenchmen. These accusations were confirmed today in the British House of Commons by Captain Richard Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Butler said that not only Nazi military specialists but members of the German Armistice Commission have been Casa Blanca - ~~that's~~ the principal port of French Morocco - for several months. Early in February there were even German officers, non-commissioned officers and privates armed and in uniform among the penetrators of French Morocco.

JAPAN

The Japanese are on the march again. There's neither pretense nor halfway measures in their latest threat to the helpless French in Indo-China. The war lords of the Rising Sun executed a quick surprise move and landed a large expeditionary force within a few miles of the borders of French Indo-China.

The army was disembarked on a stretch two hundred and fifty miles long between Hong Kong and Hanoi. ^{So now} They have virtually complete control of the Gulf of Tong King. The yellow troops occupied four cities on the Gulf, ~~of~~ and the entire Luichow peninsula, the strip of land jutting down between the South China Sea and the Gulf of Tong King.

The Japanese have also a powerful battlefleet of one hundred men-o-war steaming towards the Gulf. They have established a strong base at Pakhoi, a port on the Gulf of Tong King only seventy-five miles from the border of Indo-China, and ~~they~~ have placed the entire area, the entire two hundred and fifty mile stretch, under military law.

This act of aggression followed the announcement from Tokyo that the French Cabinet at Vichy had again failed to

surrender at the hour which the Japanese government had set for a deadline. Consequently, Premier Konoye called an emergency meeting of his cabinet for tomorrow.

BRITISH AID

Another Republican Senator spoke up for the British Aid Bill today. Senator Wallace White of Maine declared that he agreed the bill was risky because there are risks in any action we take. But, he added, ^{that} there's risk in taking no action at all, and ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{he} believes ~~the enactment of~~ the Lend-Lease Bill involved ^S less danger to us and to the world at large than any other course.

The Senators adopted several amendments today, including one by which Congress could cut short those extraordinary powers given to the President ^{do it} at any time by a concurrent resolution. ~~And a concurrent resolution, as you will remember~~ ^{which} does not have to be approved by the President. Furthermore, even without any such concurrent resolution the President would have those extraordinary powers only until June Thirteenth, Nineteen Forty-three. On that day they terminate automatically.

Another amendment that the Senators adopted gives Congress a more complete control over the money to be spent. It limits the President to materials worth no more than one billion, three hundred million, to be lent or leased to foreign governments.

If he wants to turn over any more than that, he'll have to come

back to Congress and ask for permission. *These amendments were adopted in friendly fashion, no quarrel, no roll-call.*

Senator Wheeler, the opposition leader, provided an

amusing interlude. He read to his colleagues three or four

editorials that had been published in Wallace's FARMER AND THE IOWA

the HOMESTEAD, magazine owned by Vice-President Wallace. The tenor of

those editorials was a strong condemnation of war and a warning

against hysteria and intolerance, especially the kind of hysteria

that during the last war resulted in the persecution of innocent

Americans of German name. As Wheeler read these editorials, the

Vice-President sat quite calmly in his chair as presiding officer

of the Senate, bland and unruffled. So far as *the Vice President's* ~~his~~ expression was

Sen. concerned, *other* Wheeler might have been talking about some *Wallace of an*

another planet. Then the Democratic leader, Senator Barkley,

intervened, with the objection that nobody by the name of Wallace

is connected with Wallace's FARMER any more.

Whereupon
"Is that so?" said Wheeler. ~~So~~ he read from the editorial

page a note which stated that the Vice-President is on leave of

absence from his position as editor-in-chief of Wallace's FARMER.

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That gave an opening to Senator Cotton Ed Smith of South Carolina, ^{who hates} ~~an inveterate enemy of~~ the New Deal and New Dealers. Said Cotton Ed, "Let me suggest that the Wallace we know is not a farmer."

Then Senator Josh Lee of Oklahoma asked Wheeler whether there was anything wrong with those editorials in Wallace's FARMER, to which Wheeler retorted, "Certainly not. They plead for tolerance, and everything strictly American." To which Wheeler added, "If the Vice-President had written them he could be proud."

After that came the big moment for which both sides had been waiting, the introduction of the Ellender Amendment, about which we have been hearing so much; ~~it's~~ the bitterest bone of contention in this whole ^{Lend-Lease} debate.

Senator Ellender told his colleagues he was not offering the amendment by way of prolonging debate, but he thought that the United States ^{must protect itself} ~~was protected~~ so that he, for one, was perfectly willing to give those vast powers to the President.

But he hoped Mr. Roosevelt would take into consideration the vast

resources of England and other nations engaged in the war, and he said, "We don't want the passing of this bill to lead Britain to assume that George will do all the work," meaning Uncle Sam.

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Senator Ellender argued that his amendment would allay the fears of millions of American mothers, would show them that the British Aid Bill is a measure to provide material help to the British and nothing else. His amendment would convince American mothers that the bill does not mean sending their sons overseas.

BASES

More military bases for Uncle Sam in Central America.

The government of the Republic of Panama has agreed to give us additional sites for airports and anti-aircraft ^{defenses} ~~bases~~ outside the Panama Canal Zone. This was announced in a proclamation by President Arias of the Republic of Panama.

PRINCESS

The United States Board of Immigration Appeals has turned thumbs down on her transparent Highness the Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe. The utmost efforts have been made by certain people to procure a repeal, or at least a mitigation of the deportation order that had been issued against her, but this is the last word. The serene and transparent lady must leave, go back to her native Hungary.

It was reported that one of the individuals who went to bat for the distinguished lady was Captain Fritz von Wiedemann, Hitler's Consul General in San Francisco., long time friend of the Fuehrer. Rumor continues that his activities in behalf of the Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe have caused him to fall from favor. Although a serene and transparent Highness, the lady is reputed to be not entirely of pure Aryan origin. So his intervention in her behalf made it bad for Captain Wiedemann, ex-favorite of Hitler.

The German Consul-General in San Francisco was the target

for a very different kind of accusation today. His name was mentioned quite invidiously in a complaint in the Federal Court at San Francisco. A Mrs. Alice Crockett brought suit against Wiedemann, saying that he had not paid her eight thousand dollars which he had promised for services rendered. She made the charge that he was responsible for Nazi espionage in the United States and that for this purpose he had handled more than five million dollars, five million good American dollars' worth of Nazi government money. On one occasion, said Mrs. Crockett, Consul General Wiedemann delivered secret documents and instructions to German agents in Mexico. And she declares she was present at that conference.

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The eight thousand dollars for which she sues was promised to her for a trip she made to Germany for Wiedemann. ~~He wanted her to find out how he stood with Hitler.~~
This lawsuit has been pending for some time and

today Mrs. Crockett filed an amended complaint containing even more sensational charges. She alleges, for instances, that Wiedemann has been working with Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and the Henry Ford Organization to further the Nazi cause in

this country. Those are the words used in the complaint.

And she also declares that the Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe is one of Wiedemann's agents, in fact that he uses her as paymaster to pay off other agents.

Reporters asked Consul General Wiedemann about those charges and he replied that ^{that} they were pure fantasy. [^] He had never worked with Lindbergh, Henry Ford or ~~the~~ Ford Organization; and, ~~he declares~~ further that he has no agents; the only people in his pay in this country ^{being} ~~are~~ the members of his staff ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ the San Francisco Consul Generalate.

CAROL

Well, King Carol is missing, the ex-King of Rumania.

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Likewise the red-headed and they say no longer beautiful Magda

Lupescu. You ^{will recall how} ~~may remember that~~ they took refuge in Madrid, and
^{an then come} wanted to go to Portugal, ~~thence~~ to the United States. But they

had hardly landed in the Spanish capital before Dictator Franco
got word from his fellow Dictator Antonescuc in Rumania, to seize

Carol and Magda. They were not thrown into jail but were kept

in what is politely called "protective custody" at their hotel. ^{And,}
~~they were allowed to leave Madrid and go to Seville.~~

At three o'clock Monday afternoon they went for a

drive and didn't come back. Ex-King Carol was at the wheel of the

car, a big one. They were later seen driving in the direction of

Badajoz, which is near the Portuguese frontier. But there's no

report that they arrived there, and late this afternoon they had not

yet returned to their hotel in ^{Seville} ~~Madrid~~. The latest from Madrid is

that Carol and Magda are believed to have made ^{good} their escape, ~~good~~.

Evidently their running away was planned long in advance,

as part of their baggage was sent to Lisbon several weeks ago, though

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a large part of it still is in Spain, also two of Carol's luxurious

motor cars.

The Franco government kept the news dark about the escape of Carol and Magda and officials appeared to be annoyed about it. A later account gives dramatic details of that royal flight. Carol and Magda left the Hotel at Seville in one of his high powered cars. The police escort, which was really a guard to prevent them from running away, was following them in another car. Carol had given his word to the Madrid authorities that he would not leave Seville. So apparently the guards were not too watchful.

But presently they noticed that the Ex-King's big machine was drawing away from them. The Falangist police gave chase, but their jalopy ^{evidently} hadn't a chance with the swift, ^{high powered} expensive motor of the King.

^{Soon} ~~Before they knew what they were at~~ both cars were in a break-neck race over the main highway to Portugal, an old road built over

two thousand years ago by the Romans. Evidently Carol and Magda won the race. So tonight there ^{is said to be} gnashing of teeth in the offices of the Franco government, ^{also, probably, in Rumania, and in Germany.}

As a parting shot after the escaping couple, the Spanish authorities gave out the report that Carol had not paid his hotel bill before he left Seville. He owed for eleven days. However, he left behind the four pet dogs of the red-headed Magda.

And now Hugh.

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