

TURKEY

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A message was delivered today with pomp and circumstance. Not even the well known musical composition by the British composer Elgar could be more pompous, <sup>or circumstantial,</sup> ~~and surrounded by greater circumstance.~~ The message was from Hitler. It was flown by special courier from Germany to Turkey, and was handed over to the German Ambassador there. ~~von Papen.~~ Ambassador von Papen thereupon proceeded to the quarters of the Turkish President, and presented ~~it~~ to him the document - in the presence of the Turkish Foreign Minister. The President of Turkey responded with ceremony, expressing his appreciation. This is followed by word that the Turkish Cabinet has been called into special session to hear the message from Hitler. The Cabinet session, we are told further, is to be attended by the chief of staff of the Turkish Army: A reply is to be made, a reply by radio within twenty-four hours.

Now, what's in the Hitler message which was delivered as though it were the pronouncement of some mighty oracle? There is nothing certain about it, but the report is that Hitler gives assurances to Turkey. The document is said to contain a pledge that Nazi Germany will not attack the Turkish Republic, has no designs

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on the Dardanelles. It is reported to explain that the huge movement of the blitzkrieg machine into Bulgaria is not aimed in the direction of Turkey.

This would seem, on the face of it, to be altogether in the direction of peace and good-will - so far as ~~Turkish~~ German-Turkish relations are concerned. However, there are some hints that the guarantee may be part of a larger proposition. A German newspaper makes significant mention of the means that Berlin used in Rumania and Bulgaria - taking over those two countries. Speaking of Turkey, the Nazi newspaper says, "Even there Britain could be attacked with the same political means."

~~We know something about the Nazi devices used in Rumania and Bulgaria - a mixture of friendship, threats, promises. Persuasion with gun in hand.~~ So Hitler's portentous message to Turkey today might well give a pledge as part of the maneuver to draw Turkey from the side of Great Britain into the Nazi orbit.

If we suppose that Hitler really has no intention of moving down <sup>Istanbul</sup> ~~the Turkish~~ way, no designs on the Dardanelles - what then? What is that mighty war machine doing in Bulgaria?

Easy to make the inference -- Greece. It may seem hard to believe that Hitler is making all those mighty moves in the Balkans just to rescue his pal Mussolini from the little Greek army, but there is no doubt that Greece is at least one of the objectives.

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A significant note was struck in Berlin today. A Nazi spokesman, in talking of the diplomatic relations between Germany and Greece, used the words -- "Not good". Hitherto, the Berlin attitude has been that in spite of the Greek-Italian War, German Greek relations were all right -- normal.

RUSSIA

Today in Soviet Russia the newspapers were splashed with big black headlines. What was the story so heavily publicized? Why, the Moscow diplomatic note expressing disapproval of the German push into Bulgaria. The newspaper headlines <sup>were</sup> ~~were~~ a definite underscoring - emphasizing the new attitude of the Soviets.

For the first time during the present war, Stalin has spoken against something done by Hitler. The declaration, though really quite mild, is the more impressive for being unusual.

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The Soviet press today reiterated the Moscow rebuke to Bulgaria, the contention that the entrance of the German army <sup>in</sup> ~~to~~ that kingdom could not be considered in the interest of peace in the Balkans. It was very different when Germany invaded Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium. Then the Soviet attitude was - okay. The Reds argued that those aggressions were all in the logic of war, couldn't be helped. Now that the Balkans are touched, the tone changes. The Communists make their first diplomatic move against the Nazis, indicating of course the age-old Russian interest in the affairs of the Slavic nations of that area. It is not peace that the Soviets are concerned about, but the Balkans.

RUSSIA

What are the Nazis saying about the new tone taken by their pals under the Red Flag? The Berlin comment is chilly. In general it is that Germany will play its hand out in the Near East, no matter who objects.

In Bulgaria itself, no publicity whatever is being given to the Soviet protes . The Bulgarian people have a huge impression of the Slav Colussus that is Russia; and obviously the Bulgarian government doesn't want them to know that the Soviets don't like what's going on. The Bulgarian authorities handed the Moscow

diplomatic note to the correpondents of the foreign press, but withheld it from their own nespapers.

The British are pulling out, breaking relations. The British Minister announced that at ten o'clock tomorrow morning he will sever diplomatic contacts between London and Bulgaria.



There's quieting word in the Far Eastern war crisis -  
~~peaceable~~ <sup>rather</sup> reassuring, something like the voice of the dove of  
peace. Today in London, the Japanese Ambassador had a conference  
with Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The Ambassador presented to  
the Prime Minister a note from Tokyo - a declaration by the  
Mikado's Foreign Office. While this was occurring, the rumor in  
London was that the Tokyo note gave Great Britain a pledge, a  
promise. It was said to contain a declaration that Japan has no  
intention of attacking the British Empire anywhere. <sup>It</sup> This was only  
an unofficial report, but it gained some strongly implied  
confirmation when the Japanese Ambassador emerged from Number Ten  
Downing Street. He told newspapermen that his conference with  
Churchill had - alleviated Anglo-Japanese tension. The United Press  
dispatch uses this phraseology - "He expressed the opinion that the  
Far Eastern crisis was dissipated."

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A Japanese guarantee not to attack the British Empire  
anywhere must, of course, be taken as an important pronouncement -  
definitely mollifying, tranquilizing. Though, to be sure, it does not

apply to other areas where Japan might do a bit of pushing - like the Dutch East Indies or French Indo-China.

In this latter area, Japan is <sup>now</sup> completing a large operation - a diplomatic surgical operation of slicing off a large chunk of Indo-Chinese territory. We hear today that the French colony will lose a good deal, yet not as much as originally demanded. The <sup>claim</sup> ~~demand~~ of course was made by next-door Siam, but the Siamese had so much backing by Tokyo, that it was virtually a Japanese piece of business.

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BOMBING

Britain reports heavy air-raiding tonight, a rain of bombs along the Channel - and a heavy attack on a city in Wales. Last night it was the <sup>great</sup> Welsh port of <sup>Cardiff,</sup> Swansea, blasted from the sky, which reminded the United Press reporter of Coventry. Tonight again - a Welsh city. It may be <sup>Cardiff</sup> Swansea again.



BOASTING

Here's an interesting sort of war schedule. The Nazis  
to be in London <sup>by</sup> June and in New York shortly afterward. This  
comes on the authority of Edwin Thorne of Oshkosh, an American  
returning from Paris. He says that German officers in the  
conquered capital gave him the Hitler schedule for the next few  
months. In London by June, New York soon after. The German  
officers, relates Thorne, proceeded to explain just how the  
blitzkrieg would succeed in getting to New York. The explanation  
is a little bit cryptic - something in the fashion of a mysterious  
oracle. "You Americans will be sold out," said the German officers.  
Presumably somebody is going to sell New York to Hitler. Maybe the  
Nazis have heard <sup>how</sup> the Dutch bought the place from the Indians, and  
think it's a good idea. I wonder how many Marks they're prepared  
to offer - those block <sup>ed</sup> Marks?

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LEND-LEASE

Apparently the debate on the Lend-Lease Bill is about ended. There's a report that the Senators of the opposition held a meeting today and talked about the advisability of a filibuster - an attempt to talk the bill to death. But they decided that a filibuster would be - unwise. <sup>So</sup> ~~Let~~ Let the debate be concluded, and go on to the amendments - these to be the subject of some more debate. There are plenty of amendments, and it is ~~planned~~ the plan of the opposition, to argue each one fully and at length. They are playing for time, hoping to increase public opinion against the bill for all-out aid to Britain. The opposition Senators are urging people to write to their Representatives in protest against what the opposition calls - "The war dictator bill." They say that they themselves are being deluged with mail supporting their stand.

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Today's debate featured the speeches of four Senators - two in favor of the Lend-Lease plan, and two against. Senator Wagner of New York, who himself was born in Germany, called for the passage of the bill. His address was read to the Senate, since the Senator himself is in Florida recuperating from illness.

Senator Wagner denounced both the Axis powers and Soviet Russia, saying - "They hate us because, by the strength of our example, we lay bare to their own people their inherent weakness, ~~tyranny~~ **tyranny** and immorality."

Senator Schwartz of Wyoming rebuked the Senate for all the speech-making and delay, for doing what he described in these words, "killing time while the Germans are killing English woman and children and the aged and infirm."

Senator Wiley, in attacking the bill, proposed a substitute - a straight loan to Great Britain. An eleven <sup>B</sup>million <sub>A</sub> dollar loan - secured by collateral. He indicated the opinion that Great Britain has collateral for that amount, which could be put up as security. He also advocated that we acquire British islands in the Caribbean and Bermuda.

The last speaker was Senator Nye of North Dakota.

The veteran isolationist denounced the British Empire. He called Britain - "a pseudo-democracy"; also - "the greatest aggressor in world history."

There's a report that the White House is considering the advisability of accepting a compromise amendment - an amendment relating to <sup>equipment</sup> ~~armament~~ of the Navy and Army. This would prohibit the President from transferring such things as warships to Britain without the special consent of Congress. <sup>e</sup> ~~This~~ amendment is sponsored by Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming who is a supporter of the Lend-Lease Bill.

~~From the White House we have a denunciation of rumors about what the President is likely to do once the bill is passed.~~

<sup>R</sup> Presidential Secretary Steve Early issued a blast against a report that two of the principal defense production heads are to resign, Messrs. Knudsen and Biggers. <sup>that</sup> Upon their stepping out, <sup>the</sup> President Roosevelt will take the defense production management into his own hands, run it with the aid of the Cabinet. Steve Early denounced this as - perfectly silly. <sup>and</sup> Said he thought the rumor was spread by trouble-makers. He explained that under the Lend-Lease Bill the President intended that the making of armament should remain under the direction of the present production chiefs - the office of production management headed by Knudsen and Hillman. But

turning out the armament <sup>would</sup> ~~will~~ be of course only one-half of the program under the Lend-Lease Bill. The other half would be - deciding who's to get the war material. Such decisions, in the realm of high international politics, would be made by the President and the Cabinet. (They would decide which nation would get what, and how much - in the distribution of the vast amounts of machinery of war.)

President Roosevelt today remarked that the nation faces a worse crisis than it did when he took the office of President - eight years ago. Yes, just eight years, For this is March the Fourth, which used to be Inauguration Day - until the date was changed. Franklin D. Roosevelt assumed the presidency on March Fourth, Nineteen Thirty-Three. Memory is keen of conditions at that time - the panic, the depression. And Today he remarked that then it was an internal crisis for the nation, now a world crisis which places the United States in an even greater peril.

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It is serious indeed to hear that a man has been arrested on a charge of posing as an agent of the F.B.I. J. Edgar Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation is engaged in a vital task of the war crisis -- hunting out foreign spies, and detecting sabotage, protecting the national defense industries. <sup>It</sup> It's all the more sinister to hear that <sup>the false F. B. I. man</sup> ~~such an imposter~~ pretended to be a friend of President Roosevelt with an inside track at the White House.

The man involved was for a while a part-time clerk in the alien registration. He is now unemployed. There are two women in the case, both actresses. One - Catherine Conrad. The other -- Joyce Doncaster. <sup>The imposter</sup> The two girls are room-mates. ~~He~~ <sup>^</sup> met Catherine Conrad while she was playing in a show in Boston. He represented to her that he was an agent of the F.B.I. Likewise that he had important political influence, and was close to ~~President Roosevelt~~. <sup>It</sup> The plot thickens when we are told that Catherine Conrad is of foreign birth and not a citizen. She wanted to become naturalized, get citizenship papers. <sup>The F. B. I. fakes</sup> ~~They say the bogus F.B.I. man and pretended friend of the~~ ~~President~~ <sup>^</sup> told the actress he'd take care of that. He <sup>id</sup> ~~would~~ fix it for her to be naturalized. He hinted that something might happen to

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her if she didn't get her citizenship papers. What was the reason for all this? *Some international conspiracy?*

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Before a Boston court today Catherine Conrad, beautiful and blonde, told how the pseudo F.B.I. agent made an incessant series of dates with her. It was a high pressure romance, love and courtship. He proposed marriage, but neglected to mention that he was already married. — ~~so testifies the actress.~~ The girl's room-mate also entered the picture. She too had experiences with the supposed F.B.I. man and friend of the President. Her testimony today went like this:-  
"He told me he was madly in love with me, and wanted to know if I would marry him."

So there's the reason for the sinister imposture. It was love and romance -- a courtship of not only one girl, but two. Trying to work two sentimental affairs at on time. ~~Well, maybe that's reason enough to pose as an F.B.I. man and a pal of the President.~~

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The defendant tells a different story. "She was in love with me and I with her," say<sup>s</sup> the man in the case. They had a row, he continues. "She kicked me in the shins," he relates, "struck me with a suitcase rack and dug her nails into me." All of which would seem

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to indicate, what's the use of being an F.B.I. man and a friend of the President? *Now Hugh.*