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ITALY

Today brings more indication of the drift of Fascist Italy away from the Allies and toward Nazi Germany. It's announced in Rome that Mussolini's government is exchanging military missions with Hitler's Reich. A German military mission arrived in Rome several days ago, and now the thing is to be mutual.

What's the purpose of the Italian army experts in Germany and the Nazi war chiefs in Italy? The ^{Rome}~~Army~~ bulletin expresses it as follows:- "These will form," it says, "a part of the general program to maintain constant contact between the armed forces of the two nations."

There's another article of news from Rome which tells that Mussolini's government has approved trade talks between Jugoslavia and Soviet Russia. The Jugoslav kingdom is Italy's neighbor, and is an object of much Fascist concern. Hitherto, Italy has been strongly opposed to Soviet influence in ~~the~~ the Balkans. Now, however, the Soviets and Jugoslavia are about to open trade negotiations - with Mussolini's blessing, says Rome!

RUMANIA

Here's news with a sensational background. It comes from Rumania. It relates that today King Carol gave an audience to seven leaders of the Iron Guard, the Rumanian anti-Semite and pro-Nazi organization. And the reports are that an Iron Guard leader may be named a member of the Royal Council.

This takes memory back to the Rumanian terror of months ago, when members of the outlawed Iron Guard assassinated the Rumanian Premier, and then King Carol's government took savage reprisals, [^] wholesale killing of Iron Guard prisoners.

~~Recently, the decree of outlawry has been raised from that anti-Semitic and pro-German organization. Large numbers of prisoners were released. And today the news - seven Iron Guard~~
~~leaders given audience by King Carol, and one may be appointed~~
~~to the Royal Council.~~ ^{an} ~~This~~ ^{they are calling today's event a collaboration of all parties. But it} ~~would seem to mean a harmonizing of~~

Rumanian internal affairs with the desire of Nazi Germany -

^{with its} ~~and possibly~~ possible effect on the course of the war.
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AIR

The British are still striking at the Norwegian port of Stavanger, ~~particularly the military flying field there.~~

~~Yesterday it was a naval bombardment.~~ Today - a series of air raids which London claims did heavy destruction to Nazi flying equipment. Berlin admits the attack, and once more places emphasis on British bombs blasting a city of Norwegian civilians. One might suspect that the Nazis were laying the ground for an air attack on some British city.

London reports still other air raids and declares that a German transport carrying troops to Norway was sunk by bombs from the sky. This was asserted positively today. Also - the bombing of a Nazi submarine.

In addition, there are unconfirmed stories about the loss of great German warships. A Norwegian survivor of a submarine attack repeats the statement that the great Nazi ~~battleship~~ ^{liner} the BREMEN, was sunk. This was persistently reported last week and was denied in Berlin. The Norwegian survivor declares it's true; that the BREMEN was carrying fifteen thousand men as a troop transport, when she went to the bottom.

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A Swedish account tells of a pocket battleship going aground, the LUETZOW, which was formerly named the DEUTSCHLAND. How the warship came to run ashore is not made clear. The whole story is vague.

NORWAY

London announced today that more British expeditionary forces are being landed at points along the extended Norwegian coast. The War Office bulletin reads as follows:- "The landing of British troops in Norway continues ^{ues} it says. "Contact is being made with Norwegian forces, and operations are proceeding." We are not told where the Allied forces are being landed - at what points along the Norwegian coast. Possibly - at Narvik.

Concerning that northern port, the word is that the Germans in the Narvik area are being hemmed in by the combined forces of the Allies and ~~the~~ Norwegians. ~~Being hemmed in,~~ they are said to be fighting a desperately losing battle in the hills.

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It's apparent
~~There's one report~~ that British soldiers have gone ashore at a point north of the important harbor of Trondheim.

The ~~one~~ place ~~is~~ specified ^{is} Nomsos. The London War Office today declined to answer any questions about Nomsos - wouldn't say whether or not Allied troops had landed there.)

~~There was~~ also a rumor that the Germans had seized Nomsos. But that was officially denied in Berlin. ^{TP} There's news

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about fighting north of Trondheim. The Germans report that they're pushing up that way, and the word drifting into Sweden is that the ~~Maxixix~~ Nazi invaders in that area are being

opposed by British and Norwegians *who have made full contact with each other.*

Further south - Berlin claims that its army of occupation is rapidly ^{*taking over*} ~~occupying~~ the country, ~~and~~ scattering Norwegian resistance.

INDIA

Great Britain turns down the demand made by Mahatma Gandhi.

Far off in the fabulous land of Hindustan, the All-Indian Congress, headed by Gandhi, ^{insists upon} ~~makes a demand of~~ independence. Today in London, the Under-Secretary for India told the House of Commons - No.

Britain rejects the independence demand made by Gandhi and the All-India Congress. "Compliance," declared the Under-Secretary, "would mean complete severance of India from the empire."

And Britain will resist the threat of civil disobedience.

If Gandhi and the Congress proclaim a campaign of passive resistance, non-cooperation, Britain will take what the Under-Secretary called - "full measures." Full measures to suppress the civil disobedience.

INDIES

Everything seems to be unanimous on the subject of the Dutch East Indies - if Germany should seize Holland. Secretary Hull issued a warning against anybody trying to get hold of those priceless Dutch possessions in southern Asia. The warning was general, included everybody - but the natural supposition is that it applied particularly to Japan.

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Today President Roosevelt echoed the declaration of his Secretary of State, repeated it - hands off the Dutch East Indies! The American attitude was warmly greeted in London today - full British approval; *And* now, Japan chimes in to make the chorus unanimous - Tokyo saying Banzai, okay. A spokesman of the Mikado's Foreign Office stated that the Japanese Government was in full accord with Secretary Hull and President Roosevelt - in their contention that the status quo in southern Asia should be preserved. No fooling around with the Dutch East Indies even though Nazi Germany should seize Holland.

In spite of all of this harmony and unanimity, alarm persists in the Far East - the fear that Japan has designs on those invaluable islands which include such treasures of natural wealth as Java, Sumatra and Borneo.

WALTER LOGAN BILL

The House of Representatives today passed the Walter Logan Bill, and that represents something of a set-back ~~to~~^{for} the Roosevelt administration. The bill is a complicated thing concerning government agencies that have semi-judicial powers.

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~~The~~ bill proposes to ~~XXXX~~ curb these powers and subject ~~the~~ decision^s ~~of these governing agencies~~ to review by the courts.

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A hundred and twenty-eight Democrats broke away from the New Deal forces and joined with the Republicans. The result was a vote of two hundred and seventy-nine to ninety-seven in favor of the Walter Logan Bill - which now goes to the Senate.

RELIEF

~~(President Roosevelt today asked Congress to appropriate a lot of money for relief, and he named a period of time in which the money would be spent. That's the key to the idea - the sum and the spending time.)~~ The President wants Congress to put up nine hundred and seventy-five million dollars for the next fiscal year, beginning July First. He proposes that the relief agencies use up that money, not in the space of a year, but in a period of eight months.

The amount of cash would come within the present limit of the budget. And eight months would put the question of more money over until after the election. It's also a question of the national debt. The Nine hundred and seventy-five million will not push the debt above the legal limit of forty-five billion dollars. So any question of raising the debt limit is ^{also} put over until after election. ~~(The hope is that a business pick-up will increase government revenue, so that there won't be any need of exceeding ~~limit~~ the limits.)~~

~~(One way out would be for Congress to appropriate~~

LABOR

At Detroit, the long awaited labor election was held today, the polling of the employees of General Motors. Two union factions were in the fight, one affiliated with the A.F. of L; the other - C.I.O. And the C.I.O. party won out. The latest figures show that the C.I.O. carried forty-two General Motors plants with a total vote of seventy-one thousand. The A.F. of L. carried ten plants with a vote of twenty-four thousand.

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An important voice spoke out from the south today and said -- Hull for President. This ~~Hullxxxfor~~ Presidential move in behalf of ^{the} Secretary of State is made by Governoe Clyde Hoey of North Carolina. He made the emphatic prognostication that Cordell Hull would get the Democratic nomination. What about third term possibilities? The North Carolina governor declared that he believed ^{the} Secretary of State would be supported by President Roosevelt ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ getting the nomination.

OBITS

Today, two extraordinary characters left this earth, strange in contrast - strang^e_{er} in their lives and fame.

In Vienna - Kathi, the uncrowned empress of Austria. History knows her as the Viennese beauty who for years was the *quote* "dear friend" of the Emperor Francis Josef. That legendary monarch was a paragon of methodical and steady going life. He was devoted to his Empress, the mad, tragic Elizabeth. She led a distract^{ed}_{ed} career of fantastic adventures and travels - finally to ~~perish~~ perish by the hand of an an^ar^archist assassin.

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It was the Imperial Elizabeth who introduced to her Emperor husband the beautiful young actress of the Vienna stage, Kathi Schrott. Elizabeth encouraged Francis Josef to seek solace in the society of Kathi. Thereafter, for long years their companionship was constant - the Emperor and the uncrowned Empress. Kathi was no La Pompadour or duBarry - in that she never sought *to use* her position to wield political power. She employed her influence over the Emperor to no other purpose than small deeds of kindness and charity. And Vienna grew to love the uncrowned Empress - that gay Vienna of the old times which could waltz and

smile its tolerance.

After the death of Francis Josef, Kathie, an old woman, lived in retirement - talking wistfully of the good old days.

It was her constant by-word, referring back to the ~~time~~ joyful time when she was young and beautiful and when her Emperor was at the height of his glory. She saw the downfall of the

Austro-Hungarian Empire - and sighed for the good old days. ^H When she was told that the Nazi Germans had taken Austria, she gaped in amazement and exclaimed - "Ah, for the good old days!"

Now she has died at eighty-seven, the uncrowned Empress of Austria - and she'll seek no better heaven than something like ^{those} ~~the~~ good old days.

From Detroit comes the news of the passing of Kid McCoy.

He died by his own hand, and left a parting message to the world - ^{a message} ~~a lesson~~ [^] exceedingly strange in the light of who the Kid was and the career he had.

He was a legendary figure in the boxing game, ~~he~~ fought the greatest of his time - forty years ago. ^{He} ~~and~~ [^] was esteemed as

the most cagey of all the pugilists - foxy to an almost shocking degree. Kid McCoy admitted he was smart. He gloated in the ~~and~~ dodges and shifty stratagems he employed. His favorite story told how, during a boxing tour in South Africa, he knocked out - the King of the Kaffirs. This was a giant aboriginal black, a tribesman of prodigious size and strength, who was being groomed as a prizefighter. Kid McCoy himself was nothing more than a middleweight, a mere pigmy beside the King of the Kaffirs. He saw the ebony giant do some boxing ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ training, and noticed that he was barefoot. The King of the Kaffirs could not accommodate himself to shoes. In all his bouts he boxed ^{the} barefoot way.

So Kid McCoy got himself some carpet tacks. At the time when the fight ~~gx~~ came he gave a handful of tacks to one of his seconds and told him to toss them into the ring - at a signal from the Kid. When the bell rang, out came the King of the Kaffirs, a monster, a Goliath. The pigmy Kid danced about him for a moment, gave the signal, and the second tossed the handful of tacks into the middle of the ring. The King of the Kaffirs made a rush at his

puny adversary ^{but} ~~he~~ stopped suddenly with an expression of pain.

Ouch! - and he reached down to take a tack out of his ^{kingly} foot.

At that moment Kid McCoy knocked him out. Such was the cunning of the Kid, who from boxing proceeded to still more gaudy adventures.

He dissipated a large fortune. The quarter of a million he had earned in the ring went through his fingers in madcap fashion. He was married nine times; ~~he~~ remarried the same woman four times. ^{And he} ~~he~~ was sent to prison for killing a sweetheart of his. ~~When he was released, after a long term, he was given a job in the Ford factory. It happened that in the years of his pugilistic glory, he had taught boxing to Harry Bennett, the personnel manager for Ford. He remained a Ford employee until today.~~

^{And now so he} ~~Kid McCoy, who was flagrant,~~ leaves a message to young men - advising them to live cleanly, ~~take care of themselves,~~ behave themselves. And the Kid, who was so wise and cagey, found this wild world too much for him. ^{last} ~~He~~ wrote this explanation:-

"Sorry - I could not endure this world's madness." [!] ^{TP} Too mad, even for the wise, mad, smart, foolish - Kid McCoy!

TOM MIX

Tom Mix is of Wild West renown, as a he-man hero of cowboy films. He's especially famous for his ten gallon hats, So imagine the indignation of Tom Mix as he issued a denial today.

He said - No, he never wore a pink and white boudoir cap!

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The Western swashbuckler

He appeared in court wearing his regulation cowboy

outfit - ten gallon hat and all. He was there as a witness in behalf of a friend whose wife is suing for separation. The lady testified that once on a railroad trip her husband and Tom Mix paraded through the car - and on their heads the ~~xxx~~ dainty fellows wore pink and white boudoir caps. Imagine that! The head that wears a ten gallon hat - adorned with a boudoir cap of lace and ribbons and pretty flower buds, pink and white! The testimony was that Tom and his friend might have had a couple of drinks too many. *H* In strenuous denial Tom Mix ~~waxed~~ waved his

roared:-
ten gallon hat and ~~said~~ "No" - he never wore a pink and white boudoir cap in his life, not even a baby blue or cerise. ~~so~~

And from cerise to Mr. Blu
~~that was that~~

and Hugh.

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~~He entered still another denial when his friend's wife~~

~~related that one time she went to Tom's house and there she found.~~