

POLAND

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(The Polish reply to Germany is about the same as had been foretold.) Foreign Minister Beck spoke it to the Warsaw Parliament today, and the answer was thereupon transmitted to Berlin in the form of a diplomatic note. The note uses somewhat more technical language than the speech, but its import is the same. (Poland refuses to let Hitler take Danzig - but Poland leaves a way open for future negotiation.)

The Warsaw Foreign Minister did not say "No" to Hitler in so many words -- or rather in such few words. He took this line of argument:-(Hitler demands Danzig and a road across the Polish Corridor and offers nothing in return.) It is true that the Nazi chief did offer a twenty-five year guarantee of Polish frontiers, ~~in return for Danzig and a road across the Corridor.~~

But, the Polish Foreign Minister pointed out, it's hardly offering something when all you do is guarantee not to try to take what the other fellow already has. He said it was all

(unilateral, one-sided, Hitler wanting to take but not give.)

The Foreign Minister proclaimed that Poland would never accept any such unilateral one-sided arrangement - not compatible with

national dignity. Such is the form of the Polish turn-down of the Nazi demands.

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Poland is quite willing to negotiate on the subject and talk things over with Germany - but only on a bi-lateral and two-sided basis. That would seem to indicate that if Poland yields anything, Hitler will have to yield something in return - quid pro quo. That hardly seems the Nazi way. ~~quid pro quo.~~ No quid ^{and all} ~~pro~~ quo, is their idea. So it's no wonder that German newspapers right away took up the chorus that the Polish door left open for negotiations is not likely to be inviting to Hitler.

With that, the German newspapers come forth with a new idea, or rather an old one - plebiscite. They demand that a plebiscite shall be held and allow the free city of Danzig to decide whether or not it wants to join Germany. Everybody knows it does. The Polish Prime Minister in his speech today admitted that Danzig was German, ^{and} ~~but~~ only spoke of Polish rights in that free city. The plebiscite idea is not likely to get very far, because everybody remembers how Hitler's Czechoslovak grab was begun with a demand for a plebiscite. ~~And much the same sort of~~

ENGLAND

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The question of England and a military alliance with the Russian Soviets is still in the doubtful stage. It is understood that London has its reply ready - a reply to Stalin's suggestion for a military tie-up. One report is that Great Britain is turning down the idea and is proposing nothing more than a Soviet guaranty^{ed} to help Poland and Roumania - if these countries ask for Soviet help. If Dictator Stalin will accept ~~this~~, *that* would be some kind of Russian partnership in the "Stop-Hitler" front. But it's all in the rumor and interpretation stage.

PRINCESSES

(Two small persons who are greatly interested in the royal visit to the United States are Their Royal Highnesses, Elizabeth and Margaret Rose.) They're much concerned about the forthcoming travels of their parents, the King and Queen to Canada and the United States. They ~~certainly~~ wish they were going along. What would they like to see the most - the sights of Quebec, the government at Ottawa, the New York World's Fair, or President Roosevelt? Yes, they'd like to see all those sights and interesting people, but there's something else - more important to Their Royal Highnesses.

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(Today they instructed the King and Queen to give their love to the Dionne quintuplets.) "When you come back you must tell us all about them," commanded the two princesses. That's the one thing about the royal visit that interests them ~~the~~ ^{royal children}

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^ most - the quints.

MONEY DRAFT

What war would mean to this nation was brought home to us today by the Military Affairs Committee of the United States Senate. We all realize that if we were to plunge into a world conflict, it would change the state of affairs in this country a whole lot, much more than any other war ever did. Today the Senate Military Affairs Committee put its approval on a bill to draft dollars as well as soldiers in case of war. The draft of dollars would put the possessions ~~of pretty nearly every~~ ~~all~~ Americans at the disposal of the government in wartime.

If war should come and men were drafted to fight, the president would be empowered to take - a wealth census, every citizen of this nation to be classified according to the amount ~~of~~ his possession^s. And he'd be compelled to contribute according to that amount. Each person with more than a thousand dollars would have to purchase war bonds in varied amounts.-

The more you'd have, the more war bonds you'd have to buy, according to a scale based on a percentage of wealth, graded in the way the income tax is graded. Heavier percentages for

higher bracketts. The war bonds you'd have to buy would be for fifty years, payable in half a century. And they'd bear interest at the rate of one per cent. Conscription of wealth.

COAL

There's a new chance for a settlement of the coal strike. Today, the conference of the companies and the union agreed to have another try at making peace. They're going to start negotiating all over again.

Yesterday, negotiations broke down, and the command of the union was - a nationwide soft coal strike. But today reverse^d all that, ^{When} ~~and~~ operators and union quickly ~~have~~ agreed to start negotiating again.

It's none too soon - for reports all day told of how labor trouble was spreading from the Appalachian region where it began, strikes declared, at one place and another over wide areas of the nation.

SUN OIL

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Here's something surprising about spending. American travelers have always been generous spenders abroad, and we think commonly of Europe as getting ~~the~~ ^{the} most of travel money. So it may surprise you, as it did me, to learn that almost half of American spending in foreign parts now goes to Canada. Last year American tourists are estimated to have left Two hundred and fifty-five million dollars in Canada against two hundred and seventy million ~~dollars~~ in Europe. ~~There's~~ ^{been} a big gain in travel to Canada in recent years. Why? Mostly because of the automobile.

This year, war scare in Europe and two World's Fairs in the United States are expected to cut down European travel. Canada is striving for increased tourist trade -- which is big business ^{up there,} ~~in Canada.~~ One of the Canadian advantages is the fact that Sunoco gas and oils are marketed through ^{most of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~whole~~ eastern part of the Dominion. The Diamond and Arrow sign invites the travelers from the States -- a cheerful reminder of home.

METHODISTS

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The Methodist conference ^{for} of union will adjourn next Wednesday night - sooner than expected. Today it was decided to shorten the conference and curtail a lot of the ceremonies. This - because of shortage of funds. It's an old story in church work - cash running low. So the final session will be held Wednesday night. It will be a demonstration that the unification conference has achieved its purpose. There will be ^{what} they call "a ~~declaration~~ declaration of unity service," to solemnize the merger ~~into~~ ~~one~~ of the three branches of the Methodist Church.

MUSIC WEEK

Music week begins this weekend, with a nationwide ceremony ^{ies} dedicated to the art of beautiful sound. At the New York World's Fair, ^{on Sunday,} Dr. Walter Damrosch will conduct the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven. The twentieth time that he has directed that stupendous work for orchestra and chorus! - The twentieth time in his forty-five years as symphonic conductor!

An impressive way to begin music week.

PENDERGAST

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It was indeed suicide in the case of Edward L. Schneider, prominent witness in the Pendergast case at Kansas City. The United States District Attorney was exceedingly skeptical when ~~on~~ ^{at} a Missouri River bridge suicide notes were found in the Schneider automobile -- notes indicating that the ^{star} witness had jumped into the river. The skepticism assumed that the missing man had really fled to avoid testifying any further against Pendergast, the Kansas City ~~maxx~~ political boss of nation-wide renown. But today Schneider's body was found in the Missouri River.

For years he was a business associate of ^{Tom} ~~Thomas L.~~ Pendergast and was high in Kansas City affairs. Recently an investigation of the political ~~maxxix~~ machine began, ^{and} Schneider testified before the grand jury. ~~and~~ The report is that questioning brought from him the evidence that securities placed in his name really belonged to the political leader. This ~~ixx~~ led to the ~~ix~~ indictment of Pendergast for ~~income~~ tax violation.

4 { It is apparent that Schneider's suicide ~~ixx~~ plan was formed before he gave the reported testimony against Pendergast. The suicide notes he left were dated several days before that date. The notes related that he was desperately anxious because of his wife and daughter and he thought he had better remove himself. And this he did, as is indicated by today's discovery of his body.

CONVICT

It's always dramatic when a misdoer is called upon to pay the penalty for a crime of long ago. Today at Pittsburgh, James Burchel was released from prison after serving twenty years for murder. ~~he's fifty-eight~~ And immediately he was turned over to a policeman from Los Angeles - to stand trial for the first automobile kidnapping ever committed in California.

That first auto kidnapping was a sensation back in Nineteen Sixteen. - ~~The~~ motor age was new then, and criminals had not yet taken up speedy transportation along the highways for the commission of their crimes.

James Burchel kidnapped a thirteen year old girl for ransom, made off with her in an automobile, and killed a policeman who tried to stop him. He returned the child unharmed, and now, twenty-three years later, she'll appear as a witness against him. She has long since grown up, ~~she's~~ married, and has two children. ^{now} She'll try to identify her kidnapper of long ago. She was thirteen then, thirty-six now. He was thirty-five then, fifty-eight now.

POLICEMAN

In Chicago, ^{that surgical} ~~there was a~~ case of banditry ~~which~~ has ^{more and better} turned into surgery. Policeman Edward McIntyre was shot in a gun battle with bandits, and for two days he lay in a coma. Last night one of the foremost of specialists performed an operation that lasted for an hour and a half - a masterpiece of brain surgery, using all the most modern science. And today Policeman McIntyre came back to consciousness, spoke a few words. ^{He said:- "Get off my feet!"} Well, ^{he's} given an even chance to recover, and if he does get well - it will ^{have been a real} ~~be an~~ exploit for the surgeon.

This was the case that broke into the news with ^{that} bit of melodramatic surgery. In the gun-battle, one of the bandits ~~was~~ hit by a bullet from the policeman's gun. The wounded robber was helped by his bandit partner to a doctor's home, and there the physician, at the point of a gun, was compelled to operate. He had no surgical instruments ~~at~~ ~~his house,~~ and they told him to go ahead with a safety razor blade. The bullet was lodged in the bandit's spine - a difficult operation of extraction with even the best of instruments. And it was a stunt of surgery to perform the

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spinal operation with a razor blade. The doctor did so well that the criminal patient was able to go on with his partner and make an automobile getaway to Detroit. There they were captured, and today it's reported the wounded hold-up man is likely to get well.

Two exploits of surgery in one crime case.

GARBAGE

We all know that garbage doesn't smell like sweet roses. Garbage is not caviar - or is it? Today, on the New York waterfront, at the German Line pier, a garbage truck was driving off the dock. Some ~~xxxxxxx~~ customs agents stopped it and asked the driver:- "Is that garbage?"

"Can't you smell it?" the driver jeered at them.

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Yes, they could smell it. It satisfied their noses but not their curiosity. The customs agents/dug into the garbage and at the bottom they found a load of delicacies - caviar mostly, and cheese. Limburger cheese, the fragrance of which blended perfectly with the perfume of the garbage. *Smuggling it in.*

HUSBAND

We all know what red letter days are, those memorable days that you ring with red on the calendar. ~~Some people keep track of days on which important things have happened checking them off on the calendars~~ Take the case of a lady in Newark, New Jersey, who today showed the judge a calendar for Nineteen Thirty-Eight, with a whole lot of days ringed as memorable. And she told the judge what all those red letter days meant.

January Twenty-Eighth -- my husband blacked ~~my~~ my eye, ~~because I bought a fifteen cent cake and did not turn over the change~~

March Thirteenth -- he tripped me and tried to kick me through a window.

March Twenty-Sixth.- he knocked me into the bathtub.

June Twelfth -- he chased me with a hammer.

When she got that far on the red letter calendar, the judge spoke up and awarded her a separation.

TREASURE

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Today in Detroit Mrs. Thomas J. Middleton surveyed the results of her treasure-hunt -- a result which looks like a catastrophe of nature. Mrs. Middleton has visions, and for two years those visions have come to her and told her that there was treasure buried in her back yard - not one treasure, but two treasures. So Mrs. Middleton went into action with a spade - and that didn't improve the looks of her back yard one bit.

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Recently, the visions told her that the two fortunes were buried deep, too deep to get at with a spade - twenty-four feet deep! So Mrs. Middleton dug into her savings, took out fifty dollars, and hired a steam shovel. And the steam shovel started operations in the middle of the back yard, excavating twenty-four feet deep all over the place. Did the shovel dig up anything? Sure - a few dozen broken bottles and a rusty Ford radiator. And the back yard was left looking like No Man's Land after a concentrated barrage of high explosive.

Today Mrs. Middleton surveyed the wreck and ruin and remarked in a tone of doubt - though she had never doubted before.

"I had visions for two years that there was gold in the back yard," said she, "but I may have been wrong. Perhaps," she added, "the gold may be buried in the front yard."

So it looks bad for the Middleton front yard!

and s-l-u-Monday.

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