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AUSTRIA

There was a lot of "heiling" in Austria today. Heil this and heil that. But mostly it was - "Heil Schuschnigg!" ~~as~~ The Vienna Chancellor stood before the Austrian Parliament and ended a ringing speech, with this proclamation:

"Austria will remain free! and for this we will fight to the death!" His voice rang out with a shout - ~~that~~ "Until death, heil Austria!" )

Chancellor Schuschnigg gave ~~to Austria and~~ the world a report of his visit to Hitler two weeks ago. Thus, his speech today was an Austrian counterpart of Hitler's address several days ago.

What was the agreement Hitler and Schuschnigg made? The major point, as the Austrian Chancellor stated it today, was this -

Hitler concedes the freedom of Austria. Schuschnigg ~~is~~ put it ~~in these~~

words:-

~~ways~~ "The German government recognizes the full sovereignty of the federal state of Austria."

That's not exactly what we've been supposing, ~~then~~ doesn't square with the rumors that Austria had surrendered

completely to Nazi-German domination. ~~But~~ <sup>So</sup> how free is free?

( Today Chancellor Schuschnigg went on to tell of some other points

in the Hitler agreement. Nazi Germany will not interfere with the internal affairs of Austria. Schuschnigg specifically stated that Hitler will not play a policy in making Austria Nazi.) Furthermore, he affirmed the Rome protocols - these are an agreement made several years ago between Italy and Austria-Hungary, the Italian line-up along the Danube. That would seem to limit Hitler-influence in the foreign policy of Austria.- Not so completely Nazi.

On the other hand, Schuschnigg said that in his agreement with Hitler, Austria is ~~recognized~~ <sup>regarded</sup> as a German state. Independent - but German. He spoke today in these words:- "Austria stands or falls with her special Germanic mission." We may wonder, "what's the meaning of the term - German state?" German in race, in language, and in culture? Or part of Germany?

But all in all, the much awaited Schuschnigg proclamation doesn't argue surrender to the Nazis, <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ Hitler domination. It rings throughout with the phrase - free, ~~and~~ <sup>and Christian</sup> independent Austria. And that's what brought a wild shout throughout Austria - "Heil Schuschnigg!"

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But that wasn't the only kind of heiling. Austrian Nazis were disappointed. They started demonstrations even before the Chancellor's voice had ~~ceased~~ <sup>seized</sup> declaiming through innumerable loud speakers. The Nazis shouted: "Heil Hitler!" In places they disturbed <sup>the</sup> meetings <sup>where crowds were</sup> ~~sitting~~ listening to Schuschnigg. In one place they hoisted a Swastika flag on the city hall. In Vienna they staged a parade of protest, while the Chancellor's Fatherland Front, fighting for a free Austria, arranged counter-demonstrations.

~~Anxious times still await the little nation that surrounds the great capital of Vienna, although now it appears that Austria did not surrender to Hitler as completely as had been supposed.~~

What does Berlin say? Here's a late dispatch giving the Nazi-German reaction, - not a favorable reaction. German Nazis are angry. They speak of Schuschnigg's tone as - "almost defiant."

Rome - another late reaction. ~~Not~~ <sup>Not</sup> favorable.

Italian Fascist circles are described as "highly pleased," by the Chancellor's <sup>affirmation</sup> ~~declaration~~ of a free Austria.

The rest of the world is speaking of - "the Austrian declaration of independence."

GERMANY

Signs in Europe today seem to point to a stiffening of attitude toward Germany. (Czechoslovakia declares its determination to resist any German aggression <sup>resist</sup> to the bitter end.) The government assures the people of the nation that they have the firm support of France - in accordance with the Franco-Czechoslovakian treaty. Paris affirms this, saying that France will defend Czechoslovakia <sup>if need be.</sup> ~~immediately.~~ And Paris adds that in this it has the entire support of Great Britain. Can it be possible that the British-Italian negotiations for friendship have something to do with this?

ROUMANIA

Roumania had an election, a national plebescitè to decide whether the people would support the present dictatorship <sup>ship</sup> ~~rule~~ of King Carol. They were asked to ratify or turn down the new dictatorial constitution. In effect, they were choosing between the King and the anti-Semitic regime of Premier Goga, which fell from power a week or so ago. The election returns are in today. How did the Roumanians vote? Overwhelmingly in favor of King Carol and his dictatorial constitution.

CHINA

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A story of a fire is <sup>usually of mere</sup> ~~mostly of~~ local interest, and when the fire blazes in Japan - that seems a long distance away. <sup>P Just</sup> ~~It's a case~~ of a small town, where a blaze broke out in a house, and flames ~~spread~~ swept everything. Three hundred homes destroyed.

The significance is - that Japanese towns are built so flimsily, of wood, and a fire sweeps along at a terrific rate. Supposing incendiary bombs were to fall from the sky on great Japanese cities - maybe they'd burn down as completely as the small town did today. ~~accidentally~~ <sup>P</sup> So no wonder there was panic in Japanese cities, when the word flashed - "Chinese bombers are coming." After yesterday's air raid of Japanese-controlled Formosa, the first sky stroke at Japanese territory, the Mikado's realm was in a nervous state to receive today's news. A squadron of Chinese bombers flying out over the sea, headed for Japan, not the mere colony of Formosa this time, but the Japanese islands proper. That caused a panic and scare. Wireless flashes were anxiously scanned - radio signals that first reported the bombers on their way, and then could give no further word of it. "All is clear" - said the radio at last. The Chinese bombers apparently

had abandoned their mission, if they ever had really intended to reach ~~Japan~~ <sup>Nippon</sup>. One surmise is that they called it off, because they realized that they had been spotted and Japanese defenders were ready to meet them. It might well be that Chinese bombers wouldn't want to venture into the swarm of defending planes the Japanese would send up to attack the attackers.

But there's another explanation, a late flash - a rumor from Hankow that Chinese planes flew over Japan today - for observation merely, in preparation for bombing and destruction to come. One Chinese war plane flew as far as Tokyo - so says the Chinese rumor.

## GAMBLING

In California today, a Japanese sensation was sprung - nothing to do with Far Eastern politics, however. The speaker of the California State Assembly made public a sinister story of five Japanese murders. It all has to do with an exceedingly American kind of case. A gambling racket, a crooked lottery ring among the Japanese on the Pacific coast.

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They are holding a gambling investigation at Los Angeles, and the Assembly speaker related a story of gangster methods among the Orientals. He said the lottery ring was organized with its headquarters in Seattle, the organizer being a Japanese who *presently* ~~prevent~~ met a characteristic fate. A gang war among the ~~lottery~~ racketeers, and the lottery boss was killed. That ~~in in in in in~~ was in Los Angeles in Nineteen Thirty-One. His successor flourished in power and wealth until Nineteen Thirty-Four. He was killed in Sacramento. The next lottery boss lasted only a year. It was in San Francisco that he was shot. Three lottery kings bumped off and wiped out, and it was the same thing for two of their henchmen - five in all. War in the oriental underworld, but don't think it

was one hundred per cent Japanese. The story tells of an ~~an American~~ pay-off man - an American, a police captain in Los Angeles.

The Assembly speaker declared today that he had all of this on secret information, a sworn statement made by somebody who could not be named - secret.

## TICKETS

17 A Maine fisherman with six hundred and five thousand dollars worth of Irish Sweepstake tickets - no, he didn't win that much, or anything at all. It's an ~~affair~~ affair of two hundred and forty-two thousand Sweepstake tickets designed to sell for <sup>that</sup> six hundred and five thousand dollars. The fisherman was going about his fishing along the rocky shore, when he spied a bundle that had drifted in from the sea. He fished it out, and found it crammed full of the printed slips that enable people to take a chance in the great Irish gamble. And there were two other bundles of the same - washed in by the waves. The fisherman turned the tickets over to the authorities, who instantly recalled a case last week - in which United States Customs agents grabbed a million dollars worth of Sweepstake tickets in a garage at Portland, Maine. <sup>2.</sup> Two men arrested, both of them ship's officers on a British freighter. They're being held on a charge of smuggling ~~in the~~ illegal tickets.

It is believed that the bundles swept in on the beach are connected with that affair - <sup>the</sup> Sweepstake-tickets-smugglers taking alarm and tossing overboard their gambling contraband.

Dr. Townsend changed his mind today. The founder of the  
*just as prison doors were about to*  
 Old Age Pension movement reversed himself completely, ~~that~~  
*close behind him. Now -*  
~~concerns the question~~ will he or will he not go to jail?

He will -- that was the first news flash. This morning  
 the 71 year-old Doctor arrived in Washington where he is under  
 sentence of thirty days ~~in jail for~~ for ~~contempt~~ contempt of Congress --  
*for walking* out of a Congressional hearing with scorn, if not with  
 contempt. He was met at the station by a group of supporters  
 and the inevitable *re-porters,* ~~newspapermen~~. To them he declared he was  
 prepared to serve his jail sentence. He said he would not appeal,  
 and would not accept a pardon -- which would amount to a tacit  
 confession of guilt. So jail it was, with the Doctor using the  
 word -- definately.

A couple of hours later came a flash, just the opposite  
 -- He won't go to jail, not if he can help it. Doctor Townsend  
 announced that he is appealing to the Supreme Court, and called  
 it -- a fight to the finish.

*Had he visited the jail? No!*  
 He explained why he changed his mind. He said he had  
 resolved not to appeal, because he didn't have the money to do

it, and didn't want to draw on the funds of the Old Age Pension organization. However, <sup>after</sup> ~~^~~ conferring with his friends in Washington he realized that the <sup>principle</sup> ~~^~~ ~~principle~~ ~~^~~ was <sup>end</sup> ~~^~~ tremendous. So he asked his lawyers if they were willing to carry on and make an appeal to the Supreme Court -- even though the Doctor had ~~no~~ no funds for the defense. They agreed, says he -- so now to the Supreme Court it goes.

So there's <sup>the</sup> ~~^~~ change of mind. -- ~~was before a defense one~~  
~~way, and now it's defense the other way.~~

PENNSYLVANIA

Senator Guffey won't run for the ~~governorship~~ governorship of Pennsylvania. That announcement was the chief result today of the gathering of the Pennsylvania Democrats in conference with President Roosevelt. The Democratic faction<sup>s</sup> in William Penn's state are seeking presidential aid in ironing out their quarrels; and the one thing President Roosevelt asked them today was this: "You keep Joe in the Senate, because I need him there." Whereupon the Senator said -- he won't run for Governor.

## RIVERS

Two harbors are out of luck tonight - on opposite coasts, Pacific and Atlantic.

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In San Francisco it's a case of fog. The white mist was so dense on San Francisco Bay today that navigation was a thing of peril. Six collisions were reported. Two motor ships, the BALBOA and the SAMOA, were steaming through the Golden Gate - they collided, ~~no serious damage~~.

~~Two ferryboats were nosing through the fog. They ran bang into each other, no serious damage. The whole list of collisions includes a series of boats <sup>from</sup> and ocean liners to a four-masted schooner. On shore there were plenty of automobile crack-ups in the fog <sup>TP</sup> ten persons injured. And in the sky - an airliner flew round and round, circled for two hours. It was fog-bound up in the air for a nerve wracking length of time, until finally it was able to land.~~

At St. Johns, Newfoundland, the trouble is - ice. Today found the port frozen solid. For the last two months up Newfoundland ~~has~~ way they've been having the coldest weather in thirty years. Ice jams everywhere - the coast blocked with ice as far

south as Cape Race. And today the frozen masses closed the harbor of St. Johns completely. <sup>Ten</sup>~~Two~~ ocean-going steamers are tied up, locked in a prison of ice.

Further south, off the New England coast, there's good news about a ship with fifty-one persons aboard - crew and passengers. The AZALEA CITY has been having a hard time. A week ago she lost ~~axpropeller~~ her propeller, as she steamed through a gale three hundred miles southeast of Cape Race. After much trouble in stormy seas, rescue came - and the ship was taken in tow by a Coast Guard cutter.

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Yesterday trouble broke out anew. With the cutter towing the AZALEA CITY, a wild gale blew from the north. The ~~tow~~-line broke. The two vessels drifted apart. They tried to lay another ~~tow~~-line, tried it several times - but failed.

The first word today told that the gale was slowing down in those bleak waters, and once more the rescue cutter was trying to lay a tow-line. The latest is - they've done it. The cutter has the AZALEA CITY in tow once more with a twelve inch hawser. They expect to make Boston in a few hours,

## BORROW

You hear a lot of jeering remarks about rich men's sons - they couldn't get along ~~fixing~~ on their own. They need father to support them. But don't believe it. Just meditate upon this story from Columba, Missouri. <sup>R</sup> That city for the past month has been embellished by the presence of a son of a wealthy business man of Montclair, New Jersey. Has Sonny Boy been depending upon father for support? ~~out there in Columbus, Missouri?~~ Not at all. He's much too self-reliance for that. He has been arrested on charges of borrowing money from college girls. One fair co-ed made him a loan of sixty-eight dollars. He touched another beautiful girl for twenty-nine, <sup>8</sup> From a third damsel going in for higher education, he got eighteen. The story comes to a climax when it tells how Sonny Boy tried to borrow ~~xxx~~ some cash from a girl, and she didn't have it, whereupon she borrowed it from another girl, and gave it to him.

Today, when the financial wizardry was checked among the co-eds, it was revealed that Sonny boy would borrow money from one to buy magnificent bouquets of flowers and expensive boxes of candy for another. Are the girls angry and disillusioned about it?

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not at all. Every one of Sonny Boy's fair creditors declares today that he was - one swell guy. ~~From time~~ They're indignant that the police have been informed about the money he ~~had~~ borrowed from them. Who told the cops? The dark surmise is inescapable - the snitching must have been done by some disappointed guy that Sonny Boy cut out.

Of course, there's still another person who put in a complaint, one of those sordid soulless people - the hotelkeeper. Sonny Boy ran up a seventy dollar hotel bill, and didn't bother to pay it with the money he borrowed from the girls.

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The latest is that father is sending the cash to get Sonny Boy out of hock. He has given instructions to put him on a bus, pay his fare, give him not a nickel, and send him home.

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Can a rich man's son get along? I'll say so. And I'll also say -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.