

There was a thundering ovation in Paris today, Prime Minister Chamberlain of England was the beneficiary of the roaring cheers. A crowd of ten thousand greeted him when he arrived in Paris. Cheers of "Vive Chamberlain!", or however the French pronounce that exceedingly British name. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax, and important negotiations have now begun.

Simultaneously with this British arrival, the French Foreign Office announces that the peace agreement between France and Germany has been completed. The terms in full are not made public, but an outline is given. This specifies that the present frontier of France and Germany is to remain exactly as it is - stabilized. The two nations to consult with each other in case of dispute - negotiation instead of war. And both to agree ~~with that~~ that neither has any claim on the other. This Franco-German pact together with conferences now beginning between the heads of the French and British governments, seems to indicate the statesmen are determined to push ahead ^{with} the formation of a four-power treaty to insure peace.

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JEWS

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The Nazi confiscation of ~~the~~ Jewish wealth will not hit citizens of foreign countries, [^] Jewish-American citizens in Germany, for example. This much, at least, has been accomplished by foreign protests - like our own American protests. Hitler's government has decreed the confiscation of twenty per cent of all ~~Jewish owned property, all~~ Jewish possessions, all holdings above two thousand dollars. This is levied in ^{the} enforcement ^{ment of} the payment of the huge fine imposed on the Jewish people in Germany, because of the killing of ~~the~~ ^e diplomat in Paris by ^{the} [^] young Polish Jew.

^{Audit} ~~This~~ [^] coincides with the widespread manifestation of Jewish indignation in South America, where in one republic after another all Jewish stores shut their doors for an hour today - a kind of protest strike.

In Canada, the proposal to admit Jewish refugees is being given - "sympathetic consideration," as Premier MacKenzie King declared today. He told a Jewish delegation that Canada was studying the possibility of Jewish immigration, and added: ^{that} ~~such~~ such refugees as have already entered the Dominion will not be sent back to Germany.

And Alaska as a haven for refugees was mentioned today by Secretary of the Interior Ickes. ^{Some place like Manhattan valley.}

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Something of a ^{stir} ~~stir~~ was created today by the appearance of charges concerning our London ambassador and the refugee problem. An article in the ^{liberal} ~~little~~ magazine, "THE NATION" accuses ambassador Kennedy of luke-warmness and non-cooperation in the international effort to help the oppressed minorities in Germany. He was politely indifferent to the efforts of George Rublee, the American director of the Intergovernmental Refugee Commission and did nothing much until direct ~~ed~~ instructions from Washington prodded him into action. Such is the story.

This was enough to start a discussion at President Roosevelt's Press Conference today. The question was put -- did Ambassador Kennedy show himself indifferent to the refugees? President Roosevelt declined to say anything more than a few sharp words ridiculing the suggestion.

Right along with that comes a cabled statement from ~~Refugee~~ Refugee Director Rublee. He denies the ^{charge against} ~~statement about~~ Ambassador Kennedy. Says he: "I came here as a working agent for thirty-two governments dealing with the problem of involuntary migration. I counted from the very beginning" he asserts, "on the collaboration of the United States ambassador. Whenever I had any problem to bring to Mr. Kennedy's attention," he declares, "I found him most helpful." So there's the usual contradiction of assertion and denial.

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FILM

In the British House of Commons today there was an official explanation of the censorship of an American newsreel shown in Great Britain during the ^{recent} war crisis. This newsreel affair ~~has~~ caused a lot of talk in England, until it finally came up before Parliament. And it now turns out that the film censorship was arranged through the medium of the United States Ambassador to London, Joseph P. Kennedy.

Today, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the story, described it as not at all a case of the British government censoring American film. He told the M.P.s that during the critical time when Prime Minister Chamberlain was conferring with ~~Adolf~~ Hitler at Godesberg, ^{an American} newsreel came to England. And in it, said Sir John, were picture sequences which, if shown to the British public, would have handicapped the peace negotiations. The British government took up the matter with American Ambassador Kennedy, who referred it to the Hays organization, ^{which} ~~the~~ ^s ~~government's~~ motion picture policy in the United States. The Hays organization put the matter before the newsreel company, which in turn gave the order to eliminate ~~xxx~~ in its English reel the features to which the British government objected.

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HUNGARY

There is a political crisis in Budapest. The Hungarian Cabinet, headed by Premier Imrödy, resigned this evening - after an adverse vote in Parliament. A revolt was staged among the Cabinet's own supporters, because of anti-Jewish measures the government is taking. A large faction of the majority party opposed these anti-Semitic proceedings, and moreover charged the Premier with using dictatorial methods.

One possibility is that the change in Budapest may reopen the Czechoslovak trouble, with Hungary reviving its demands for more Czechoslovak territory.

SPIES

Grim testimony was given at New York's spy trial today.

It concerns the mysterious Dr. Ignatz Griebel, who made a number of espionage admissions to the G-men, and then back in Germany denied them. Today, a federal agent testified that he talked to Dr.

Griebel in Germany, and the Doctor explained why he retracted

what he had said. He ^{said} explained that if he didn't, he'd be executed

in Germany, with the sinister hint of beheading. He is quoted as

having spoken to the federal agent as follows: "You know," said he,

"if I do not contradict certain information I gave the F.B.I.,

I won't have any neck. Personally," he philosophized,

"self-preservation has always been my first thought."

Self-preservation ^{from} for the axe, - that might seem an inevitable

thought in any affair in German espionage!

SWINDLE

A couple of arrests today on swindling charges hark back with a curious turn to the Ethiopian war. At Toronto, two brokers are held for extradition proceedings brought by District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey of New York. The charge is, that back in Nineteen Thirty-Six, they took part in a deal to sell Canadian nickel to the Italian government. Mussolini's conquest of Ethiopia was on, and nickel ^{is} ~~was~~ an important war material. The League of Nations, under the leadership of Great Britain, was applying sanctions to stop Mussolini, but just the same the deal was on to sell Canadian nickel to the Italians.

The story is that two New York concerns contracted with the two Toronto brokers, ~~Meyer Brenner and Leo Roehner, to~~ ^{to} ~~Buchanan,~~ procure Canadian nickel. It was to be a quarter of a million dollar deal. The two ^{Toronto} ~~Canadian~~ brokers sent a cargo of metal, and for this received forty-eight thousand dollars. But when the shipment arrived in Europe, it was found to consist, not of nickel, but of scrap iron.

All of this now comes to light in ~~the~~ proceedings ^{of} prosecution and extradition.

PLANES

A whole series of meetings are reported as beginning today, conferences to provide the United States with five thousand fighting planes. Representatives of nearly every ^{major} plane manufacturing company in the nation are mapping out ~~plane~~ plans for doubling and redoubling American sky power.

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Right now the army and navy have thirty-five hundred first line war planes. The new schedule calls for the building of eighty-five hundred more - to bring the total up to twelve thousand. This to be accomplished in five years, although aviation men are saying it will take six or seven years. The immense program will demand a correspondingly great enlargement of plane-building-equipment and facilities in the United States.

STAMPS

During the coming year of Nineteen Thirty-Nine, postage stamps will blossom forth with new splendor and variety. The Post Office Department today tells us that four new commemorative stamps will be turned out - commemorative, celebrating something or other. One new issue will be dedicated to San Francisco's Golden Gate International Exposition. Another one to the New York World's Fair. Still another will mark the sesquicentennial of the inauguration of George Washington as the first president. And lastly, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal will have a special stamp. All of these decorative bits of paper which you paste on letters will be of the three cent variety. They'll add a bit of novelty and spice to the commonplace business of mailing something. And they'll be four new events *in* ~~for~~ the lives of stamp collectors.

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SHIP

Tonight down at the stormy Gulf of Teh^{ua}antepec off the coast of Mexico, a steamship ~~was~~ towing a sailing vessel. And this follows a lot of tempest and trouble at sea. The sailing vessel is the three-mast schooner METRA NELSON, ^{which} ~~who~~ set sail for Central American waters to study marine life, and fish for sharks. The expedition was formed by Mario Bello, ~~is~~ step-father of that one-time platinum-blonde beauty of the screen, Jean Harlow. The scientist aboard is Richard Gully, who is said to be a cousin of Captain Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary to Great Britain.

^{With} ~~The~~ twenty-seven persons aboard the METRA NELSON sailed gaily as far as the Gulf of Teh^{ua}antepec, there ^{to be} ~~was~~ caught in a raging tempest. ~~The~~ fury of wind and sea, smashed down all her rigging, and she lost the propellor of her auxiliary engine. Helpless, just a drifting hulk in the storm when she was sighted by the Italian motor-ship CELLINA, which went to the rescue. The latest report is that the CELLINA has the METRA NELSON in tow, hauling her along on the end of a line.

STORM

Another story of a ship in a storm takes us far south to the coast of the Argentine. There a naval vessel was ordered today to put to sea^a in search of a freighter, the Santa Maria. This, after a fishing boat reported the astonishing spectacle of a steamship under sail, ~~seeming to have been~~ *as if miraculously* turned into a windjammer of ~~...~~

The Santa Maria left an Argentine port a couple of days ago with engine trouble. A wild tempest blew, and nothing has been heard from the vessel ever since.

The fishing boat reports the ship that it sighted ~~under~~ ^{ed} sail look like the Santa Maria. And this raises the surmise that the freighter, with its engines dead and silent, ~~was~~ ^{was} drifting helplessly. ~~Then~~ ^{Then} its crew found some means to ~~make~~ ^{rig} up improvised sails, and attempt to navigate ~~inexpert~~ to port under a spread of canvas, - the ancient way.

NARCOTICS

A focus of sinister interest is centered on Cleveland, ~~tonight, and~~ ~~It~~ all concerns the nefarious trade in narcotics.

Today, two police officers, prominent in the battle against the drug traffic, were sent to Cleveland - Lieutenant Oscar Dabritz of the Police Narcotics Squad of Buffalo, New York, and Harold McKinney, head of the Buffalo office of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. For Cleveland is said to be the headquarters of one of the biggest drug rings in the country.

Operating from the Ohio city on Lake Erie, the narcotics gang ^{is} ~~was~~ described as using Buffalo as a point of trans-shipment. The illicit stuff to begin with is sent ~~from~~ ^{from} New York, where apparently it is smuggled ^{into} ~~the~~ ^{into} ~~xxxx~~ the country.

Then it is shipped by airplane. Opium mostly, the devilish merchandise peddled by ^{an under-} ~~another~~ world organization of ^{native} ~~world~~ wide extent.

QUADRUPLETS

I have no doubt that Papa Dionne is much admired,
even envied. Oh, to be the father of quintuplets! *That's the*
envious sentiment ~~That's no~~
 ~~joke, at least~~ ^{not} in Rio de Janeiro.

^{in Rio}
The police [^] today arrested a man who recently rose to
local fame as a father of quadruplets. The proud papa went around
telling ~~proudly~~ about the four new arrivals at his home, and he
was complimented and congratulated, and many a drink was bought
for him. But now the authorities have found that there wasn't
~~even~~ one arrival at his home, or any symptom of an arrival.
He wasn't a papa at all - just out bragging and getting a lot of
entertainment. I don't see why he limited himself to a
mythical four. He might as well have made it quintuplets, which
would have put him in the class of Papa Dionne. But maybe his
imagination couldn't extend beyond four, just as the human mind can't
grasp those trillions of miles the astronomers tell us about.

transaction - and along
until tomorrow

THIEF

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In Providence, Rhode Island, today a man was waiting in line to buy a ticket to the theatre. Two men jostled him and a minute later, he discovered that his pocketbook with all his money was gone. He chased after the two, caught up with one, and yelled: "Give me back my pocketbook, give me back my money!"

"I haven't got it," the man replied.

The pickpocket's victim continued to roar, and a crowd was gathering, whereupon the man charged ^{with theft} ~~as a thief~~ demanded:

"How much was in your pocketbook?"

"Twenty-five dollars," howled the victim.

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The accused whipped some bills out of his pocket, and handed twenty-five dollars to the victim, who let him go. Later on that intended-to-be victim told the police that the ^{actual} amount in his pocketbook was really fourteen dollars, not twenty-five.

So he ^{nearly doubled his money on the} ~~made eleven bucks by the transaction. And tonight the~~ ^{transaction} ~~authorities are wondering - "Who's crooked now?"~~ ^{and so long} until tomorrow.

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