

IRELAND

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*Oliver Cromwell*

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(There was a demonstration today outside Number Ten Downing Street. A large crowd was shouting, "Hurray for Dev; well done Dev!" meaning Eamon deValera, Prime Minister of Ireland. The occasion was the formal signing of that treaty between John Bull and what Bernard Shaw called "his other island.")

There really was plenty of occasion for cheers. The signing of that treaty, which was done in private, brought the end of six years of bloodless but destructive antagonism. The terms of the treaty have not been published, ~~yet~~, but there's pretty reliable information as to what they are. ~~For one thing,~~ they mean prosperity for Ireland. For, since the dispute is ended,

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# (The tariff war is at an end, Ireland now has ~~access to~~ the rich market of England and Scotland for her dairy and livestock.) In

fact, Ireland becomes by this stroke of the pen, John Bull's principal larder. <sup>Britain</sup> ~~John Bull for his part~~ gives de Valera back the

~~so-called treaty ports,~~ <sup>such as Cobh.</sup> He in turn undertakes to fortify them <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>coast</sup>

and guarantees positively never to let Ireland be used as a basis for

attack upon England.

The treaty doesn't mention Ulster. But it's believed that later on there'll be some concession to the Ulster Catholics.

ALBANIA

These are high fest days in the mountain city of Tirana, the capital of Albania. Thousands of visitors are streaming in from all quarters. Some of them come in magnificent limousines, others in buses, or on horseback, some ~~even~~ afoot. Mussolini's Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and Duke Bergano, came by airplane. But all alike came for one purpose, to celebrate the wedding of King Zog to a Hungarian Countess. The Countess Geraldine Apponyi of that ancient Magyar family so renowned in the history of the country, will be <sup>a</sup> ~~the first Roman~~ Catholic queen in <sup>a largely</sup> ~~the history~~ <sup>of Albania</sup> ~~of Albania~~ <sup>mohammedan country, and she's</sup> ~~half American~~ <sup>half American</sup>. <sup>TP</sup> ~~Today~~ <sup>This</sup> was the first of three festive days. That old mountain city offered a colorful sight, with the Moslem peasants in their native costumes mingling with Christians in their modern store clothes, in the public squares.

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PARIS

How the wheel does turn in the politics of Europe! It not only turns, it seems to wobble all over the road. A few weeks ago, France appeared to be isolated but for that dubious alliance with a purge-torn Russia. John Bull had apparently turned <sup>Paris</sup> her down, left her flat after the ~~immemorial custom of Perfidious Albion,~~ Today everything again is palsy-walsy between France and her neighbor across the Channel. <sup>This as a result of the present</sup> ~~That's the word that comes under the Atlantic~~ after the visit of War Minister Hore-Belisha to Premier Daladier. The British War Secretary talked not only with Daladier but with the head of the French General Staff. That means, as Daladier reported to his Cabinet, the coordination between French and British military policies, particularly armament and aviation.

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One important point the French and British war chiefs discussed was the purchase of airplanes in the United States. Both countries are feverishly anxious to <sup>get ahead</sup> catch up in the air force race with Hitler. The Nazis <sup>are said to</sup> at present have an air fleet treble that of Great Britain. What's more, they have numerous airplane factories, far more numerous than those of their potential enemies. So <sup>if</sup> ~~they~~ France and Britain want to catch up, they will have to come to the states with open pocketbooks. The French government wants a purchasing board representing both countries, ~~financed of course by John Bull.~~

BERLIN FOLLOW PARIS

~~A new threat to the world's peace comes from Germany.~~

TP While we've been talking warships, the Nazis have been building them. That's a report that comes not from Berlin but from Washington. It was released, <sup>today</sup> by the Navy Department. Months ago Germany launched a naval building program bigger even than President Roosevelt's program which is now still being discussed by the Senate. Ship for ship, the new German vessels would equal any in the world. ~~The war threatening Nazis are~~ <sup>Hitler</sup> building fifty-one warships, ~~These~~ <sup>ing</sup> include five new super-dreadnoughts, two nineteen thousand ton aircraft carriers, three heavy cruisers, four light cruisers, twelve destroyers and twenty-five submarines. ~~That's~~ almost twice ~~President Roosevelt's~~ <sup>our own</sup> navy expansion program.

HITLER

( The momentous topic in European foreign offices today was the new Czech crisis. It is generally estimated as another example of Hitler's sense of timing. Though the voice was Henlein's, the hands that pulled the strings were Hitler's. New and more drastic demands for autonomy by the Sudeten Germans.)

This comes just at a time when Europe was breathing easier because of the Angl-Italian treaty which seemed to lessen the prestige of Hitler. The bold Nazi threat uttered at Prague brings the Fuehrer into the limelight. And it occurs just a few days before Hitler's visit to Mussolini.

PRAGUE

In Czechoslovakia itself, the first consequence of  
Henlein's threat was <sup>an</sup> ~~just what might have been expected.~~ A fierce  
outbreak of violence against the Jews. <sup>This</sup> was reported from the town  
of Theusing, ~~That's~~ <sup>- in the Sudeten country - the</sup> not far from Marienbad, <sup>the</sup> famous watering  
place once visited by many rich Americans. The outbreak started in  
the Town Council. The <sup>German</sup> councillors resigned in a body <sup>and</sup> ~~of their own~~  
~~accord.~~ They started a march through the streets, a torchlight  
parade, <sup>They</sup> and were joined by ~~three~~ <sup>507</sup> hundred Sudeten Germans. A  
cordon of gendarmes who threatened to fire on them put the parade  
to flight. But as soon as the police had been recalled, the  
demonstrators formed another mob in the streets, smashed the windows  
of <sup>Jewish</sup> ~~several~~ shops, also the windows of the <sup>Synagogue.</sup> ~~Jewish temple.~~ It wasn't  
until police reinforcements arrived from Prague and arrested several  
rioters, that the tumult was <sup>quieted.</sup> ~~quenched for the time being.~~

REFUGEE

A body that has been meeting in Chicago has an idea for solving the problem of political refugees in Europe. <sup>Put</sup> ~~settle~~ them in Palestine. That's the idea that was urged upon President Roosevelt today by the National Conference for Palestine. And they add, let an international committee be organized to attend to it. Specifically, their suggestion is, send a hundred thousand refugees to Palestine every year for the next five years. Palestine, they say, can easily absorb that number.

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The Arabs? They were not represented at the Chicago meeting.

GIBBON

Over in Japan an American citizen has been held prisoner for several days by the Japanese military authorities. Today our ambassador to Tokyo asked the Japanese Government for information. This American citizen, Melvin Gibbon, is an aviator. He was seized by the Mikado's political police - taken from a British ship, the EMPRESS OF ASIA, while on his way home, via Vancouver. The reports are that the American flyer has been given the third degree and they say a Japanese third degree is a triple third degree. The whole thing is involved in mystery. Hence the ambassadorial questioning today.



TRADE

It's an ironic fact that with all the reports of hard times at home, Uncle Sam's foreign trade is thriving. For the first three months of this year, we sold <sup>goods worth</sup> three hundred and twenty million dollars' ~~worth~~ <sup>what</sup> more than we bought from other countries. Our exports were more than eight hundred and twenty-seven millions, imports five hundred and seven millions. What's more, our exports were far more than they were for the same period last year.

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## RESOURCES

Al Freden of the Collier Corporation calls my attention to a rather powerful article from the LONDON SPHERE. It might be entitled, "As Others See Us." This famous London magazine points out what immense gigantic strides the United States has made during the past century, reminds us that we operate sixty per cent of the world's telephone and telegraph facilities, thirty-three per cent of the world's railroads, produce seventy per cent of the world's oil, etc., etc. We own eighty per cent of the motor cars on earth, have half of the world's monetary metal, and two-thirds of mankind's total banking resources. Then it goes on to say that the purchasing power of the people of the United States is greater than that of the entire population, the five hundred million people who live in Europe, and greater than the entire population of Asia, one billion Asiatics.

And then it says: "Responsible leadership which cannot translate such a bulging economy into assured prosperity is destitute of capacity. But pompous statesmen, looking over the estate, solemnly declare that the methods by which it was created are all wrong, ought to be abandoned, must be discarded, that the

## DUST BOWL

Here's good cheer for the inhabitants of the great American dust bowl. Those vast drought-smitten regions are not hopelessly ruined. ~~A couple of~~ Scientists have been making investigations for the Carnegie Institution<sup>r.</sup> And they have come to the conclusion that those huge stretches of land can be used permanently for wheat and other kinds of dry farming. The only condition would be to keep the sheep and cattle out. Dr. E. E. Free brings<sup>us</sup> this information in the WEEK'S SCIENCE.

MESSAGE

There's one group of people who won't care for the latest presidential message -- the government job holders. For Mr. Roosevelt's message is sweeping in its scope. He would not only eliminate the tax exemptions from government bonds which means federal, state, county and city. He would also do away with the privilege enjoyed by people who hold government jobs - federal and local. They constitute quite a sizeable number; since it has been figured out that one in every ten of us is some sort of a government job holder, about thirteen million people.

Mr. Roosevelt's message points out that the Sixteenth Amendment as approved in Nineteen Thirteen, authorized the taxation of all incomes. And he adds: "It was the courts who construed it differently, the courts who read the policy of immunity

from income taxation into that Sixteenth Amendment." And he points out that "Today it has <sup>created</sup> ~~created~~ a vast reservoir of tax exempt securities in the hands of the identical persons who equitably should not be relieved of taxes on their income." <sup>These are his words,</sup> And he points out further: "This reservoir now constitutes a serious menace to the fiscal systems of both the states and the nation."

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Well—  
It didn't take long for favorable reactions to this message to make themselves heard. Even the Republicans in Congress uttered cautious words of approval. Some of the conservatives doubted whether it could be done in this session. But the enthusiasts are in favor of pushing it through right away.

## CHESS

Well, the big burst of intellectual sport is over here at Rockefeller Center. The National Championship Chess Tournament -- in fact two of them, one for ~~them~~ the men and the other for the women. Yes, the ladies play the high brow game -- and exceedingly well, although they are not up in the top class. of the greatest.

Among the men the American title was retained by the former child prodigy Samuel Reshevsky. He played through the sixteen tournament games without losing one -- ten wins and six draws. His foremost rival, Reuben Fine, played only five draws, ~~but~~ but, he lost one game.

Among the <sup>women the</sup> champions is Miss May Karff of Boston.

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Last summer she played among the international chess masters at Stockholm. Now she is the American Womens' Champion. How expertly she played is shown by her score -- not a game lost and only one draw. She's good. ~~there's no chess or~~  
~~no about it.~~

LUNATIC

There was a strange episode in a Massachusetts courtroom today. A seventy-eight year old man was charged with the killing of four other men, inmates of the Tewksbury State Infirmary. The jury ~~had~~ found him not guilty <sup>on grounds</sup> ~~by reason~~ of insanity. The judge asked the old man if he had anything to say. "I'd like to speak to the District Attorney," said the prisoner. As the prosecutor stepped up to the dock, the seventy-eight year old killer said: "If it's all the same to you, I'd like to <sup>be sent</sup> ~~have you~~ send ~~me~~ to the electric chair." The court was unable to comply with this strange request and instead committed him to an ~~insane~~ asylum for the rest of his natural life.

The case of Jackie Coogan and his Ma today enters the broad field of comedy. Over the weekend, the country was edified to learn that Mrs. Coogan Bernstein ~~is~~ had retained a public relations counsellor - not to put too fine a point on it -- a press agent -- a West Coast Freddy Benham. He's to present her side of the squabble to the public. Thereupon Son Jackie uttered the plaintive wish: "I hope she isn't paying him out of my money."

Today the curtain falls on this act of comedy. The public relations counsellor has quit. Says he didn't get the cooperation from Mrs. Coogan Bernstein that he needed. He made, for instance, appointments for reporters to interview Jackie Coogan's Mama. The reporters phoned her. Mrs. Coogan Bernstein promptly replied: "Don't come to me for any interviews." So now there's one public relations counsellor at liberty. "Mrs. Coogan Bernstein," he says "is listening to the lawyers rather than to me." And he adds that he himself is charging ~~it~~ it off to experience, so Jackie needn't worry about the money paid to him as he hasn't received a nickel ~~either~~ <sup>either</sup> from Mrs. Coogan or her second husband, Mr. Bernstein. So he says.



PIANO

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Folks at the easterly end of Long Island Sound witnessed a novel sight. On the storm tossed waters of the Sound they saw a gentleman sailing <sup>along</sup> ~~swiftly~~. The craft he was navigating was a small grand piano rigged like a sloop ~~sails and all.~~

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He had been trying to move that piano to his summer home at Goat Point, ~~He was~~ doing the moving in two row boats, two legs of the piano in one boat, the third in the other. When they got near a dangerous reef, a rip tide caught them and they were in difficulties. So the owner of the piano raised the cover and tried to navigate this improvised flotilla with the lid of the piano as a sail and one oar as a rudder. Night overtook them ~~at this pastime,~~ likewise a gale of wind. The owner of the piano started sending up flares in the hope of getting help from Uncle Sam's Coast Guard. But nobody saw the flares and so the whole expedition, piano, boats and three hardy mariners, were strangled <sup>d</sup> on the rocks of a reef. ~~There will be neither Beethoven on — as the President said in his sonatas nor Gershwin Rhapsodies in Blue played on that piano.~~ <sup>Sail on, sail on, sail</sup> ~~fireside chat.~~ <sup>don't</sup> But <sup>^</sup> try sailing a piano.

DOG

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A dog show was going on in Missouri, and the principal judge was considering the airdale terriers. He was examining one in particular, with the idea of giving it the first prize. As he bent over to look more closely, the airdale ~~lifted up his muzzle and~~ bit that judge in the ear.

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P.S. The airdale did not get the first prize.