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Germany Wins Another Round

France, so long accustomed to directing the course of European relations through the instrumentality of her League of Nations allies, has just been served another helping of humble pie. Not only has Germany been invited to attend an autumn conference of Locarno Powers, but she and Italy have accepted their new invitations in such a way as to make very real all the hypothetical fears French spokesmen were able to express when Premier Leon Blum acceded to British suasion and the Italian demand that Germany attend.

Italy blocked the original conference of the Locarno Powers called by France to consider the reoccupation of the Rhineland when she refused to attend it or the preliminary sessions if Germany was not present. In London, France and Belgium accepted this demand, and immediately French observers advanced the questions: Will Germany and Italy accept unconditionally? At what point can such a conference be enlarged to include other interested Powers? What becomes of the British promise to see a satisfactory settlement of the Rhineland issue?

The German and Italian note of acceptance, which reached London on Friday, did not "accept unconditionally." In fact those replies are most interesting to the extent to which they foreshadow radical revisions in the programme of the conference. Mussolini's reply, was an acceptance "in principle," which suggests that some diplomatic manoeuvring is to follow. Baron von Neurath, who wrote the German acceptance, was less secretive, and in his note gives immediate answer to the French questions. "The discussion," he wrote, "requires careful diplomatic preparation in every respect, especially in regard to a programme."

At once it can be concluded—in fact, such is the conclusion in London—that if Germany is to attend there will be no discussion of the Rhineland, let alone the adoption of a programme of "punishment." There is as much chance of getting Germany to talk about this question as there is of having France agree to scrap her treaty with Russia. But the Baron's simple statement can imply much more. France has been insisting that the forthcoming conference be enlarged, following a settlement of Locarno issues, by bringing in other Powers to discuss a general European security programme. That, of necessity, would include Russia and involve reconciling Germany to the Franco-Soviet and Russo-Czechoslovakia accords.

In London there are no illusions of such achievements. If there ever were any, the German note will have removed them all. An unidentified British statesman, quoted in a despatch to the New York Sunday Times, summarizes the whole situation and the British view when he says: "We have invited Hitler to dinner and to dance. He has now accepted for dinner, but if he stays to dance he, not we, will call the tunes."

It is much too early, of course, to assume that there will be a Locarno conference, let alone predict its possible results. One thing, however, seems most certain. The humble pie France has just eaten is but a portion of the serving she has yet to swallow. If the conference is held the victory will be Germany's—in lesser extent Italy's. If that cannot be assured by the preparatory conversations there will be no conference.

While that fact may give it the appearance of a one-sided sham staged for the public and the glorification of the withered principle of "open agreements openly arrived at," there are other factors involved which make the future decidedly more favorable from the British view. Conference negotiations can bring to a halt, if only a temporary halt, Germano-Italian dealings. The situation that has developed should do much to make France more amicable toward the general security plan Britain has in mind. And, what is more important, the prospects of the conference should ease the tension in Central Europe, and at least postpone the crisis that has been developing rapidly since the Rhineland incident and the signing of the Austro-German treaty.

Olympiad is Unique

Without indulgence in oratory, Chancellor Hitler of Germany on Saturday announced the opening of the eleventh modern Olympic Games, in which more than fifty nations are participating.

The first Olympiad was held in 1896, and neither then nor at any time since have the athletes of the world met in contest amid international conditions such as exist today.

In 1916 the Games, which should have been held in Berlin, were postponed because of the war, and by 1920 the world had reached a peace which it hoped would be permanent.

Today all nations realize that only by treading most carefully can humanity avoid a repetition of the horrors which filled the period between 1914 and 1918.

And as spectators from many lands gathered in the Olympic Stadium on Saturday the more thoughtful of them must have been struck by the fact that some unforeseen event, within the next few years or even the next few months, might change the young competitors from friendly rivals for supremacy in sport to deadly enemies and armed combatants.

Hope has been expressed that the Games may help to bring about a clearing of the international atmosphere; that, meeting and learning to understand each other, these representatives of fifty-three nations may achieve a mutual liking and respect which will bear fruit when the Olympiad disperses and they return to their own lands.

If that hope is realized, the present Games may have proved the most valuable as well as the most unusual in Olympic history.

Time Laughs at Dictators

Perhaps you do not know about the "Fascist Attitude." It is the official, registered state of mind of obedient Fascists. It is one of the ways they are told to "think."

Mussolini, the Fascist Attitude proclaims, is ageless. He himself has made "youth" the theme song of Italian politics.

Wednesday was Mussolini's 53rd anniversary, but a national silence marked the event. Anniversary congratulations were discreetly forgotten.

Here is one thing to which Mussolini cannot dictate, nor can any of us. Time is entirely unimpressed by peasant or potentate. Mussolini is 53 whether he likes it or not, and all the ignoring of the fact doesn't make him a day younger.

As a matter of fact, it is barely possible that the job of dictator carries with it a high blood pressure, so if Mussolini had remained an ordinary, garden variety of editor like the rest of us, he might be physically younger today.

Time impertinently goes on and you cannot shoot it or make it drink a litre of castor oil, nor drop poison gas on it.

SNAPSHOTS

A girl at a local cafe says that quahaugs are oysters. This shows how little we in this section of the province know about this delicious bivalve.

The Daily Mail last evening had the Police Magistrate going to Europe for two years. It was not as bad as that. We should have given His Honor two months instead of two years.

Two men were talking on the street yesterday, when E. S. Pettigrove passed them. "Do you see that man," said one, "he comes from Marysville where no shorts are allowed."

The West Enders want no zoo and object to the city council trying to make monkeys out of them.

The political pot is starting to boil in York county according to press supporting the Conservative party.

Correct this sentence: "When I pay a doctor for advice," said the man, "I do exactly as he tells me to do."

Other creatures are more sensible. The crow, for instance, being born to caw, never tries to sing like a canary.

Taking everything into consideration, an exchange does not blame the Spanish noblemen looking for a throne for seeking it in some other country.

Henry Ford, at 73, says that any one can live to be 100 if he only has the will to live. A lot of old-timers will think that he is rather young to be speaking of longevity yet.

Investigation

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By order-in-council, the government authorized the commission to undertake the investigation and on July 23 the members of the board met with those who petitioned the cabinet, in Woodstock.

Five Petitions

Five petitions for new services were examined by the commission and will be submitted to the government for approval. They were four facilities from Armstrong's Corner to Rusagons, Sunbury County; Norton-Hatfield Point, Kings County; Mountain Road-Hildergard, Westmorland County; Newcastle-Redbank, Northumberland County, and a short extension at Elgin, Albert County. It was indicated that all these would be self-supporting. Several other petitions were filed.

The financial report for the first eight months of the fiscal year was received, showing an improvement in both gross and net operating revenues over the same period of 1935. Monthly accounts were passed and the \$26,000 contract awarded to Luther B. Smith, West Saint John, for repairs to the dam on the West Branch power plant at Musquash, was formally approved.

May Ask

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conference in October in return for his word that Italy would not lend aid in the Spanish crisis.

The new Locarno talks arise out of remilitarization of the Rhineland on March 7 in violation of the pact signed in 1925. It was agreed by the signatories that a new agreement should be drawn to re-establish a new basis for European security.

Tentative selection of October as the Locarno meeting time was understood to have been caused by the necessity for serious private conversations between representatives of the nations involved before the public sessions open.

It originally was believed the meeting would be called for September either just before or after the fall session of the League of Nations Assembly in Geneva.

That the Spanish situation would be excluded officially from the Locarno agenda was seen in the stand taken by Great Britain, France and Belgium in the preliminary tri-power conference recently in London that extraneous subjects would not be touched upon.

World

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per week until we have our Province properly industrialized."

Discussing the sending of Alberta products to Eastern Canada, there to be processed and returned for sale in this Province, the Premier said: "We wonder why there's no work for our young people after they have been trained here."

When his Government begins issuance of basic dividends to bona fide residents of Alberta, plans for which are at present in formation, the Premier said, payment of relief allowances to needy persons will not stop. "We cannot stop relief at once," he said.

DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

IS GERMANY LOOKING TO THE BALTIC?

There are some who regard Hitler's demand for the return of German colonies lost during the war as a smoke screen for home consumption thrown out to hide real German aims. None of Germany's colonies (except perhaps Togoland) in Africa, were self-supporting. An expensive luxury in Empire days, they are of little value today to the impoverished Reich.

Some obvious territorial gains, which might well occur to a militant dictator are—The elimination of the Dantzig Corridor, the reunion of the part of Poland formerly German, the regaining of Memel from Lithuania, or the occupation of Czechoslovakia. It is thought by many that the complete relinquishment of the German claim upon Austria, the keystone of German policy, which involves the end of the old Berlin-to-Bagdad dream and a farewell to a foothold upon the Mediterranean, would be too high a price to pay for any or all of the above gains.

It is alleged by this school of thought that Germany is ready to move at the right moment to make the Baltic Sea a German Lake, now that she is sure of Italian support.

It is said, that the new German policy plans the actual or political domination in one form or another of the Scandinavian countries, including Finland. Denmark in particular is extremely nervous. It is said that it is not only the loss of Schleswig-Holstein she fears this time but actual annexation.

It is said that in search for vast supplies of raw materials German ambition has definitely turned to the North and that the Italo-German-Austrian Agreement means that German eyes are fixed upon the Baltic.

—H. M. P.

CC.F.-Labor

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government enactments providing such forward steps in social service as minimum wage laws, fair wage schedules for private and public building construction, workmen's compensation and investigations into unfair trade practices, have been the product of co-operation between the Bracken and Labor groups.

It was believed the two groups could find a common group on which to support a stabilized government.

The greatest hope for well balanced stabilized government was seen by the Cabinet in an agreement between the Liberal Progressives and the next largest group, the Conservatives. But it was admitted that such an understanding did not appear at all likely at the present time.

Claims 7 Out of 9

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and found a \$500 diamond ring in its mouth."

Orsinger then related how Capt. Victor Goularte of San Diego, Calif., sailed his ship Rajo into port with a piece of bone sticking through the planking to prove a swordfish had attacked his boat.

A yarn about the Prince Edward Island beagle was branded untrue. "This fish," said Orsinger, "was supposed to live off the hum of humming birds."

"That," he added, is the kind of thing we've got to break up."

DIED

STICKLES—At Birdton, N. B., on Aug. 4, 1936, Mrs. Abigail Stickles, at the age of 86 years.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock from the home in Birdton and Rev. S. J. Gregg will conduct the service. Interment will be made at Cardigan, N. B.

BURNS—At Lewiston, Maine, Aug. 4, Mrs. Katherine Burns, widow of Patrick Burns, formerly of this city.

The remains will arrive in this city tomorrow at noon and will be taken to St. Dunstan's Church, where service will be conducted by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carney on arrival Boston train. At the conclusion of the service interment will be made at the Hermitage, and the committal service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Milligan.

BIGGS—At Fredericton, August 4, 1936, Mrs. Jessie Biggs, aged 81 years.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon with service at three o'clock from the home of her sister, Mrs. Annie Whittaker, 774 King street. Rev. Dr. Ross will conduct the service and interment will be made in the Old Burial ground.

British Accepts

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than 20 French planes left for Spain last night. Right-wing "L'intransigeant" charges that six De Wittine pursuit planes left Villacoublay at noon for Toulouse, near the Spanish frontier.

The London Star says a number of British civil planes have gone to private individuals in Spain.

Reserve Right to Act
The French government still reserves its liberty of action in the event its appeal for "hands off!" is not accepted by Italy, but so far as can be learned it is not authorized to export any military planes.

The British Independent Labor party tonight appealed to the Labor party, the Co-Operative party and the Communist party for a united workers' front. Among the events cited in the I.P.L. appeal as emphasizing the need for unity in the struggle of the united working classes in Spain against Fascist and militarists.

As one of the planks in the common programme the I.P.L. suggest assistance to the Spanish workers and others resisting Fascism. The common programme would similarly include opposition to rearmament and war.

"Both in the east and in the west the war clouds are thick and threatening," writes Dr. C. Garbett, bishop of Winchester, in the Winchester diocesan leaflet. "The world is like a gun-powder magazine with madmen running to and fro with flaming torches. No one knows where the explosion may occur."

TETUAN, Spanish Morocco, Aug. 5.—Natty officers and aviators from the German battleship Deutschland strolling arm in arm with Spanish rebels were the most conspicuous sight today in the rebel city of Ceuta, on the Moroccan coast.

The commander of the Deutschland conferred for a full hour with General Francisco Franco, commander-in-chief of the rebel forces.

An ostentatious display of fraternization between members of the crew of the Deutschland and the Spanish rebels began soon after the arrival of the ship yesterday.

From Tangier and other points foreign diplomats and military observers watched the exchange of courtesies at Ceuta with interest.

General Franco's staff aide, and spokesman informed Havas the visit of the German officers "is an entirely natural courtesy visit."

The rebels in Ceuta jubilantly and visibly welcomed Nazi sailors, interpreting the visit as an open display of German sympathy for the rebel cause.

Roosevelt

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fundamentals of their social and political attitudes. So he undoubtedly spoke from his heart when he rejected the word 'foreigner,' as applied to his office and his allegiance. One is an American or a Canadian, but never a foreigner in either country. How perfectly true that happens to be!

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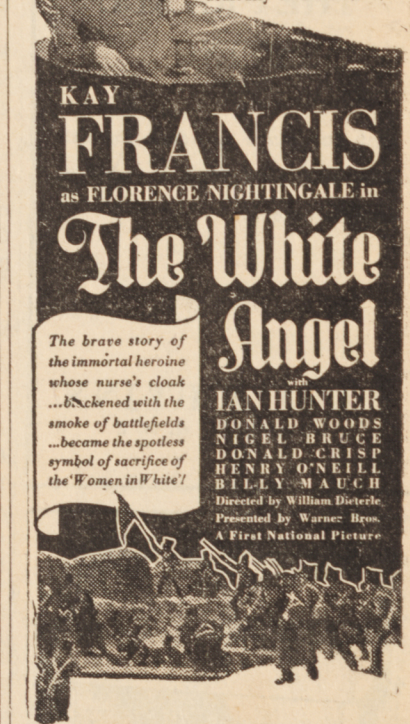
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