

# RUMOR OF AN EARLY PEACE INTERVIEW BETWEEN FRENCH PREMIER AND HITLER

## Belief Hitler and Premier Blum Will Hold Conference

Both Veterans of World War, Realize Value of Peace, Horrors of War

Fears Infection of Europe With Bolshevism

Sees Activities of Czechoslovakian Entry For the Soviet

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
PARIS, Feb. 1.—It is rumored that an early peace interview between Premier Blum of France and Chancellor Hitler of Germany will take place. Both men fought in the trenches during the Great War and it is thought that they realize the horrors of war and the security of peace. Hitler's speech delivered on Saturday before the Reichstag and to which the nations of the world listened with lively interest was of an encouraging tone.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—Having torn another page from the tattered book of Versailles that stripped Germany of her colonies, Hitler on Saturday turned to the world with a pledge of 'loyal co-operation' in the problems of peace and economic growth.

To a tumultuous Reichstag assembled in the Red-draped old Kroll Opera House Saturday, the chancellor proclaimed that on the fourth anniversary of his rise to power Germany had regained her sovereignty with equal rights before the world.

Standing before a battery of gleaming microphones that carried his address to the nation and throughout the world, he declared "the time of so-called surprises is ended" by Nazi Germany.

He reiterated Germany's demand for return of her war-lost colonies but did not ask for new ones; he renounced a policy of isolation and cited the anti-Communist pact with Japan as an example of his willingness to co-operate with other nations; he offered pledges of neutrality to Belgium and the Netherlands, and extended a friendly hand to France.

He avowed Germany's readiness to work with other nations for economic development, but added the nation's four year plan for self sufficiency must be continued.

Then, brushing back the unruly lock of hair which plunged down from his forehead, Hitler declared:

"I hereby most solemnly withdraw the German signature from that declaration (Versailles) forced upon a weak government against its better knowledge—the declaration to the effect Germany was guilty of starting the Great War."

"For the last time," he said, the Great War pact was relegated to a back-shelf.

The clause which he renounced declared: "Germany accepts the responsibility of Germany and her allies for causing all the loss and damage to"

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## Industrial Workers and the Dole

It is understood that the Provincial Government will at the coming session of the Legislature give consideration to legislation concerning labor. At the recent argument before the Privy Council in connection with Federal labor legislation the Provincial Government was not opposed to the principle involved in that legislation, but to the authority of the Federal Government to promote such legislation.

Times are improving and with these improved conditions the lot of the different labor organizations should improve. There is no doubt that certain industries have for some time been taking advantage of the so-called depression and the prevalence of the dole to keep wages down. Before the dole was provided industrial plants made it a point of looking after their help during slack seasons, and provision was made to carry this help over the dull seasons until such time as they could absorb them again when the plants were running full swing. The disposition in recent years was to keep on the employees at low wages and to let them out the minute work slackened. The industrial establishments exhibited a tendency to unload their help upon the municipalities and have the public carry the help along on the dole until such time as they were able to resume work. The municipalities and the government have many times been asked to carry the burden which industry should have borne as in the years previous to the depression.

Industrial conditions are better at present than at any time since 1929 and they are steadily improving. Labor must be taken off the dole and elevated again to a place of dignity. If the workmen cannot be provided with work throughout the year, they should in some way be provided with sufficient to carry them over the idle period.

The dole was intended to help the idle workers, who were idle through circumstances over which there was no control. It was never intended as an assurance to sustain workers thrown on the community by plants that profited by the labor of these workmen.

It would seem that the time has come when industry should step up and accept its responsibility to labor. Small wages for part time employment permits industry to preserve its profits, and leaves to the taxpayers the responsibility of carrying along some of its workers.

Many of those who have been kept on the dole at the public expense are just such workers who have been temporarily laid off from employment from time to time and picked up again when the factory wheels began to hum. This does not seem to be a fair deal either to the government, to the municipalities or to the workmen so laid off.

It would seem as though some legislation could be devised to cover such a condition as we refer to here.

## FERTILE SOIL WASHED AWAY BY FLOOD

Secondary Levee Breaks Down With Main Dyke Holding

The great flood threatened new devastation in the Ohio River Valley last (Sunday) night, with Cairo, Ill., the point of worst peril, while far to the south a secondary levee went down under the rising Mississippi.

The break was at the hamlet of Bessie, Tenn. It spread new water over 20,000 already inundated acres. All residents had been evacuated or warned to leave.

The main levee line held firm, as the army announced more than 50,000 Mississippi River people had been cleared from endangered sections. Troops stood ready instantly to evacuate thousands more if necessary.

The national flood damage stood at an estimated \$400,000,000, exclusive of the incalculable loss to rich soil. The dead were estimated at around 400. About 1,000,000 are homeless.

Cairo, situated at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi, fought a calm fight, as the water crept almost to the top of one section of a 63-foot seawall. More than 4,000 men were engaged in the struggle to hold the wall. The mayor ordered all save able bodied men to leave.

Paducah Abandoned  
Paducah, Ky., a city of 30,000, upstream, was abandoned temporarily to the flood waters. U. S. army regulars joined national and coast guardsmen in evacuating the last of the residents to leave. Three hundred ex-service men cruised water-filled streets on guard against looters.

Except at Paducah and Cairo the Ohio elsewhere was falling. Cincinnati and Louisville faced a great cleanup task. Louisville motorists were warned of street breaks.

Red Cross distributions for the stricken reached even higher; in New York city alone they approached \$1,000,000.

The evacuation of Mississippi Val. (Continued on Page Four)

## Disarmament Conference May Include Germany

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 1.—In regard to the Disarmament Conference which is to be on the 6th of May, Germany has asked permission to join this and asked Great Britain for permission to attend. Sir Anthony Eden has replied that Great Britain will be very pleased if Germany will take part in the Disarmament Conference in which she has not figured since she left the conference in 1933.

## European Capitals Today Considering Fuehrer Speech

Paris Welcomes Message of Friendliness Expressed by Hitler

Highlights From Speech Last Saturday

Reorganization of League of Nations is Seen as Essential

## NEW YEAR'S HONORS INCLUDE ONE CANADIAN

LONDON, Feb. 1.—First honors in the first honors list of the new reign go to Queen Elizabeth.

On Her Majesty, the King conferred the title of Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order. Of the same order the Queen was also appointed Grand Master.

The Dukes of Gloucester, Kent and Connaught, Prince Arthur of Connaught, the Earls of Athlone and Harewood, and Lord Louis Mountbatten, all members of the Royal Family were appointed personal aides-de-camp to the King. The Duke of Gloucester was granted a commission as Air Vice-Marshal in the Royal Air Force.

Lord Greenwood, a native of Whitby Ont., with a viscountcy, heads the list of peers, baronets and knights appearing in the deferred New Year's honors. But he is the only Canadian and for long has been a resident of the United Kingdom. As on the previous occasion, the birthday honors of King Edward VIII, no Canadian list was included. A number of knighthoods went to India, Australia and New Zealand were the only dominions appearing. Newfoundland, which is under a commission of government, drew some minor honors.

Lord Greenwood, the former Sir (Continued on Page Four)

## Merchant Shipping Bill Second Reading in House of Commons

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 1.—In the House of Commons today the Merchant's Shipping Bill received a second reading. This bill demands that no ship be overloaded so that the loadline be submerged.

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
BERLIN, Feb. 1.—The speech of Chancellor Hitler which was delivered on Saturday before the German Reichstag is today being considered by all the capitals of the world. Nothing mentioned, however, in the speech called for an immediate answer. The speech was welcomed in Paris as Hitler extended the hand of fellowship to France.

The list of countries to whom the German republic considered itself friendly did not include the name of Czechoslovakia. For some time past German papers have been attacking the Czechoslovakian government for allowing the use of their airports to Russian planes. Recently the Czechoslovakian government issued invitations to the British government and other countries to visit their airport.

Highlights in Hitler's speech today were:

"Germany once built up a colonial empire without robbing anybody or violating any treaty or making war."

"The Nazi revolution occurred practically without bloodshed."

"Germany wants peace and friendship with France."

"Germany is ready to do anything possible to restore orderly conditions in Spain."

"I, the Fuehrer, called by the confidence of the people, came from the people."

"The creation of the German army is the greatest marvel we have performed."

"The Spanish revolution has already chased 15,000 Germans out of Spain and done heavy damage to our trade."

"In no situation and under no condition did I ever lose my nerve. This was also true of my co-workers."

"It is a mistake to claim Germany has any intention whatever to isolate herself. We Germans neither wish to be isolated nor feel ourselves isolated."

"Of all tasks set before us, the most exalted, therefore, the one that is most sacred to mankind, is that of preserving a race based on blood as God gave it to us."

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## Chief of U. S. Dep't of Agriculture Says Fur Farmers in United States First

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WANT REDUCED RATES

Through the National Federation of Canadian University Students, an appeal is being made to the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada, arising from refusal of the railway companies in Canada to grant a reduced fare to parties of Canadian students who are competing with sister universities in athletics, dramatics, debating and all other groups of inter-university activities. It has been learned from R. Reid Logie, Chatham, N.P.C.U.S. representative at the University of New Brunswick. During the last six years, particu-

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## May Produce Stream-Line Fox to Cope With Demand

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Fur farming has become a permanent part of this nation's agricultural development and farmers soon may produce a "streamlined" silver fox to cope with washline trends, according to Frank G. Ashbrook, chief of the fur resources division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Discussing the silver fox situation at a conference sponsored by the New York Auction Company and Milligan & Morrison Fox Producers Association, Ashbrook disclosed that the fur markets of the world handled more silver fox pelts last season than in any previous year.

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## SPRINGLIKE WEATHER IN ENGLAND TODAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Feb. 1.—The weather is like spring today in London. People are out without topcoats and the sunshine is being enjoyed in contrast to last Saturday when the weather was severe and was followed by rain.

## JAPAN SELECTS NEW MINISTER

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
TOKYO, Feb. 1.—Japan has at last agreed upon a new government. The army and navy have selected a Minister of Defence.

## PRIEST BEATS ARCTIC STORMS TO BRING BACK SICK FRIEND

CHURCHILL, Man., Feb. 1.—Battling storms of persistent ferocity, the worst sleighing conditions in years, 400 miles along the bleak west coast of Hudson Bay with a sick companion, an Eskimo and twelve courageous dogs, Rev. Father Ducharme reached Churchill with the winter mail from Chesterfield Inlet.

Father Ducharme told the story recently after he had recovered his strength from the peril and privation of nineteen days musing through an Arctic blizzard. He reached here a few days ago after bringing a fellow priest, Father Kernal, on the sled from Eskimo Point Mission halfway

from Chesterfield. Father Kernal is taking the next train south in an effort to regain his health. So fierce was the storm in the early part of the journey that it wrenched the top from an igloo Father Ducharme and the Eskimo built to protect themselves. At one stage of the journey they had to use part of their flour to keep the sled running freely.

Father Ducharme said he and the Eskimo, who rejoices in the name of Lolitsek, "the fat fellow," left Chesterfield Jan. 4 in a blinding blizzard and reached Mistake Bay Jan. 12 after being delayed two days. At noon that day they were forced to stop and build an ice house for protection.

## AERIAL HUNTERS TRUTHFUL; DIDN'T GET THEIR WOLF

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Feb. 1.—An unsuccessful wolf hunt by airplane was reported over the weekend by Ontario Air Service Director George Ponsford and Chief Forester George Phillips.

As Phillips came in from a flight he saw wolf tracks near the runway on the landing field and he went off in pursuit. About 400 or 500 yards away he saw the wolf and as his plane dived toward the animal he saw it bare its fangs. He went back to the landing field, got a rifle and went up again, this time taking several shots at the wolf.

Finding it difficult to shoot and fly the plane at the same time, he went back and picked up George Doan as an assistant. Doan is a left-hand shot and he had no more luck. Another trip back was made and George Ponsford came along, but Ponsford, a right-hand shot, likewise had no luck.

The aerial huntmen figure they could have got somewhere if they had had a shotgun and some buckshot, but it was difficult to take aim from the cockpit of the plane with a rifle, since the cockpit is situated between the two wings and is also covered with a coupe top for winter flying.

## JUST ONE COLD BUT IT HAS GONE ON ALL WINTER

WINNIPEG, Feb. 1.—Winnipeg's hardy citizens shrugged deeper into turned-up overcoat collars tonight and thought, philosophically, that half of the winter had gone.

There has been only one cold snap here this season. But it has continued without a break since the first of the year, and residents, because they have to, are becoming used to it.

At that, Winnipeggers have been luckier than usual this winter, when the coldest day has been 37 below zero. They looked back on last winter, when 40 below zero weather prevailed almost continuously for more than two months. Jan. 20, 1936, temperature dipped to an unofficial 51 below.

## CONSPIRATORS EXECUTED

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MOSCOW, Feb. 1.—The 13 Soviet conspirators who were convicted of treason are understood to have been executed at 3:00 a.m., today. Although official word has not been received, no word has come of the postponement of the executions which, as according to custom, would be performed in secrecy.