

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Chancellor Hitler's Defiance of Treaty Provisions Alarms Europe; Drouth Threat Causes Wallace to Lift Restrictions on Spring Wheat Planting.

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GERMANY, having recently boldly announced that she was now possessed of a military air force in violation of the Treaty of Versailles, still more boldly declares she is no longer bound by the obligations of that pact and proposes to build up an army of about 480,000 men, comprising 12 corps of three divisions each. This was the decision of the cabinet, which decreed compulsory military training throughout the reich. The exact number of men in the army will be determined by a law to be enacted later.



Chancellor Hitler

This was Chancellor Hitler's reply to the action of France's chamber of deputies in accepting Premier Flaudin's plan to increase the term of conscript service in the French army to 18 months and subsequently to two years. Germany considered that France was "dealing the last blow to disarmament," and Hitler, rushing to Berlin from Berchtesgaden, directed the action of the cabinet and issued to the German nation a rousing appeal for full support. He declared that the failure of other nations to reduce armament as called for in the Versailles treaty had released Germany from all treaty obligations, and that while the reich had only peaceful intentions, it must re-arm to protect its territorial integrity and maintain the respect of the world as a co-guarantor of European peace.

France is in no mood to take Hitler's defiance "lying down." An appeal was sent to the League of Nations to convene an extraordinary council to deal with Germany's violation of the Versailles pact. The note hinted at the possibilities of economic-sanctions (penalties) against Germany which might result in a boycott. An attempt is being made to force Britain into an alliance with France, and the mission of Sir John Simon, British foreign minister, to bring Germany back into the comity of European nations is regarded as seriously compromised. France and Italy insist that Simon go to Berlin as spokesman of the three powers, and not as the representative of Britain alone. Premier Mussolini is said to be backing France, and is alleged to be the prime power in a scheme to revive the pre-war policy of encircling Germany with a ring of steel.

President Roosevelt expressed his hope that his "good neighbor" policy might be extended to Europe as a basis for peaceful settlement of the tense situation. Just how the President expects to prevail upon those traditional enemies to become "good neighbors" was not fully explained. He declined to say whether this government will send a note to Germany protesting abrogation of military provisions of the separate treaty with this country. Although the United States is not a signatory to the Versailles pact, the separate peace treaty negotiated with Germany includes the military phases of the Versailles treaty. Many people in this country feel that United States intervention in the European dispute is neither necessary nor advisable.

GOV. MARTIN L. DAVEY of Ohio, charged by Federal Relief Administrator Harry L. Hopkins with "corruption" in Ohio relief, went before the state senate and demanded a thorough investigation. He defied Hopkins to come to Ohio for trial on a warrant he had secured charging Hopkins with criminal libel. Hopkins had alleged in a letter that he has proof of "corruption" of relief administration in Ohio including soliciting of funds for campaign purposes from firms that sold relief materials. Hopkins, through C. C. Stillman, FERA regional officer, has taken over administration of Ohio relief. Department of Justice attorneys in Washington declare they stand ready to defend Hopkins, but there was no indication that Hopkins would go to Ohio, although he may change his mind. The spectacular blowup is said to have had its inception in the 1934 political campaign. Davey made campaign speeches charging that Ohio relief was mismanaged, and particularly aimed his barbs at Cleveland. This irked Cleveland leaders since relief there had been administered through a non-political group, which later became the official Cuyahoga county relief administration. Hopkins often took note of the fact that Cleveland's relief committee was "one of the best in the country." Later Davey pledged himself not to touch the Cleveland organization, but is said to have ousted several members, and repeated official charges. Cleveland leaders took the fight to Washington.

Ohio Democrats stand firmly behind Davey. The Democratic delegation in the Ohio legislature appealed to President Roosevelt "to right the wrong which has been done our governor" and Francis W. Poulson, Democratic state chairman, summoned to appear before the grand jury, delivered a scathing attack on Hopkins. Poulson charged that Republicans in high government offices "have betrayed the President," and named Hopkins as "one who could be expected to tear down the Democratic party."

CLARENCE DARROW, foe of NRA, and author of the famous report which attacked NRA more than a year ago, assailed the administration's economic theories, including the national recovery act, in his testimony before the senate finance committee. The famous lawyer whose sharp speech and fiery courtroom tactics have made him famous, denounced NRA as playing into the hands of big business to the destruction of the "little fellow." He argued that NRA attacked the problem from the wrong angle and that the real trouble lay in faulty distribution, thus assailing the theory of scarcity. Darrow swept aside statements that NRA had helped organized labor, reduced unemployment and abolished child labor, with an assertion that it would have happened anyway. "The panic put an end to child labor," he said. "There wasn't any room for it while fathers and mothers were out of work."

"There is no question that small business has suffered under the NRA," Darrow continued. "It has suffered more than it would have suffered otherwise." The suffering due to continued concentration of wealth would have gone on anyhow, he said, but added that NRA accelerated it. "I am not an optimist," he added. "I may be an idiot, but not a cheerful idiot."

RESTRICTIONS on planting spring wheat have been removed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, who fears the effect of another widespread drouth. The year's first crop report showing that farmers intend to plant 17,847,000 acres of spring wheat is said to be responsible for Wallace's about face. Last year the acreage was 18,521,000 acres. The administration is convinced that the government and farmers have a duty to protect consumers against a wheat shortage, he said. Farmers will plan an additional 900,000 to 2,300,000 acres as a result of the new order, and will harvest between ten and thirty million bushels more, Wallace estimates. Spring wheat normally constitutes about one-fourth of the nation's crop. He denied that the European situation pointing to a possibility of increased sales had anything to do with the new decision. Farmers under contract who plant their full spring wheat acreage will receive full benefit payments, but in return will be required to agree to reduce production in 1936 by the amount asked in next year's contract plus the amount they would have reduced this year. There is no indication that the corn acreage control program for 1935 will be altered.

PLANS to reduce American money to a single class—possibly federal reserve notes—are being considered by the administration, thus simplifying the nation's monetary structure and making it easier to control. Before this could be established it is necessary to make widespread changes in existing laws, and this will undoubtedly be undertaken when more immediate stages of the recovery drive are completed. According to a high government official, one class of money must be established in order that the government may effectively control issuance of money. Under this plan treasury notes and United States notes would be retired. The silver certificates backed by bullion now held in the treasury might be withdrawn from circulation and transferred to the federal reserve banks as was done with the gold certificates. Since the reserve banks would be sole holder of gold and silver certificates, a definite ratio of silver certificates could thus be established.

DONALD R. RICHBERG was named by the President to head a reorganized NRA board, taking the place of S. Clay Williams, resigned. At the same time the President increased the group governing the Blue Eagle agency from five to seven. A White House statement emphasized the change was made to accelerate the drive to push extension of the NRA through congress.

BY A vote of 202 to 191, the house voted to substitute the Patman currency expansion bill for payment of the soldiers' bonus for the "sound money" plan of Representative Vinson. A boisterous house thus defied President Roosevelt's warning; that he will veto immediate payment of the adjusted compensation certificates. The administration is counting on the senate sustaining the veto.

THE government is ready to sell gold to foreign nations that can offer an attractive proposition. Secretary Morgenthau announced. Recent sales to the Bank of Mexico and to Guatemala, Morgenthau points out, have cleared the way to similar negotiations with other countries, although he emphasized that no other transactions are being considered at this time. No conditions were attached to the transactions already consummated. In the dealings with Mexico virtually all her silver sales have been made to this country.

"We've got all the gold we can possibly use," Morgenthau added, indicating that the government would make no further undue efforts to accumulate the metal.

COMPROMISE and White House pressure brought about the defeat of the McCarran "prevailing wage" amendment to the work relief bill in the senate, and administration leaders were confident that the measure would be laid before the President for signature within a few days. The deadlock over the amendment was broken when Senator Richard B. Russell, Jr., of Georgia proposed a substitute which leaves the President free to pay "security wages," officially estimated at \$50 a month, provided they do not adversely affect the wage scale in private industry; and providing that the prevailing wage must be paid on all permanent federal building projects. This way out, which had been approved by the White House, was accepted by the senate by a vote of 83 to 2, after the McCarran amendment had been defeated, 50 to 38. The two votes against the compromise were cast by Metcalf of Rhode Island and Hale of Maine, both Republicans. Before the vote on the McCarran amendment was taken Senator Glass announced he was authorized to say that if it prevailed President Roosevelt would veto the measure.

Senate action finally developed into a race to pass the measure before Huey Long returned from Louisiana. Administration forces defeated three attempts to slash the bill, and overrode protests of old line Democrats that the bill imperils the nation's credit. Senator Glass, chairman of the appropriations committee in charge of the bill, solemnly asserted: "I stand on my prediction that this tremendous appropriation will impair the credit of the United States." Senator Tydings of Maryland described the bill as the "grandest pork barrel ever to come before congress."

WILEY POST's second attempt to fly from Los Angeles to New York through the stratosphere in record-breaking time ended at Cleveland, where he was compelled to come down because his supply of oxygen was running short. He said he would have "passed out" in a few minutes if he had not descended to breathable air. Post is convinced that only this trouble prevented his making the transcontinental flight in seven hours and 40 minutes, and he declared he would soon try again. His unofficial average speed to the Cleveland airport was 279.46 miles an hour.

FAILURE to practice them regularly is one of the reasons a good many women seem never to get the most good out of their beauty routines. If you do your exercises once a week instead of every day you can't expect to see a rapid improvement in your figure. Drinking eight glasses of water only one day out of the month isn't going to keep your complexion clear and smooth, and dieting three days a week and then stuffing yourself with sweets and starches the other four won't make you lose weight. If you really are serious about keeping your skin, hair and figure lovely through the years you simply must stick by whatever rules you have made.

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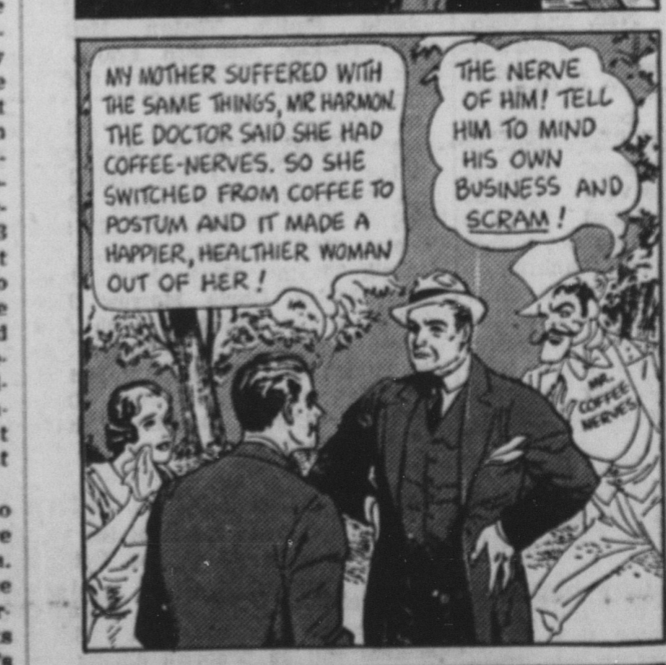
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