

News Review of Current Events the World Over

France Forming Solid Front Against Germany in New Crisis—Paraguay Made Totalitarian State—Chester Davis Is Sent to Europe.

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SIXTY thousand German troops in the Rhineland that was supposed to be demilitarized. Practically the entire French army in and behind the vast system of fortifications along France's eastern frontier. The French government, backed by the other signers of the violated Locarno treaty and by the little entente, Poland and Russia, demanded that Germany withdraw her troops from the Rhineland or that sanctions, economic and possibly military, be imposed by the League of Nations. Great Britain trying hard to keep the peace, reproving Germany, supporting the French demands in great measure, but urging that Hitler's proposal of new non-aggression pacts be given consideration. Reichsfuehrer Hitler reviewing his forces in the re-occupied territory and receiving the loud plaudits of the inhabitants for restoring their military sovereignty.

That in a nutshell was the perilous situation in Europe as the representatives of the Locarno nations and the council of the league assembled in London to consider what to do next. Foreign Minister Pierre-Etienne Flandin of France was there with the full support of Premier Sarraut for his demands that immediate action be taken to bring Hitler to time. He was represented as "almost convinced" that a "preventive war" now would be preferable to "carnage two years hence," and in Paris it was disclosed that France counted on having at her disposal, from her own forces and those of Russia, Poland and the little entente, a potential army of about 40,000,000 men. It was said 8,000,000 could be mobilized in 48 hours and 31,000,000 were trained reserves; and that 8,000 airplanes and a million tons of warships were ready.

The Franco-Russian treaty came up in the French senate and was ratified by a huge majority. It is this pact that Hitler gave as his excuse for remilitarizing the Rhineland, asserting that it was a violation of the Locarno treaty, being aimed at Germany. It is the final link in the "iron ring" around the reich which France has been forging.

At first the British government's response to France's demands for full support against Germany was ambiguous and not satisfactory to Sarraut and Flandin. After conferences with Prime Minister Baldwin and other ministers, Capt. Anthony Eden, the young foreign secretary, appeared before the house of commons and declared any attack on France or Belgium in violation of the Locarno pact would compel Britain to go to their assistance. He added, however, that there was no reason to suppose "the present German action implies a threat of hostilities." Then he indicated Britain was willing to consider Hitler's proposals for new peace covenants.

The British statesmen seemed so calm in the crisis that there was reason to believe they knew in advance what Hitler intended to do. When Flandin and the other Locarno signatory representatives arrived in London, the attitude of the British cabinet changed and grew decidedly stiffer.

HITLER was not represented at either the Locarno conference or the session of the league council in London. He himself, having precipitated the crisis, made his triumphant appearance in the Rhineland and then awaited events. His dramatic and sudden denunciation of the Locarno treaty was accomplished in a speech before the reichstag and in formal announcements to the ambassadors in Berlin of the nations concerned. He asserted that the troops he sent into the Rhineland comprised a "symbolic" army only, and that the reich, while ready to defend itself, was wholly desirous of peace. To prove this he offered a plan which includes: A demilitarized strip of German, French and Belgian land; a 25-year non-aggression treaty among Germany, France and Belgium, with Great Britain and Italy as guarantors; inclusion of the Netherlands in the system of pacts; an air pact with the western powers; a non-aggression pact with Germany's eastern neighbors, including Lithuania; and return of Germany to the League of Nations after her equality is established and her sovereignty restored.

France's reply to this was that, having just violated one treaty, Hitler could not be trusted to observe another; and anyway, France would not even listen to the reichsfuehrer's new proposals until he had withdrawn his troops from the Rhineland. The French army was moved toward the frontier and the "Maginot line" of fortifications and underground passages was fully manned. This system of defenses has been criticized because it requires so

many troops that the army is rendered virtually stationary—what has been called in Paris "the concrete army." Remaining forces would be insufficient for offensive movement. But this fault might be disregarded if France gets the expected millions of soldiers from her allies.

CHIEF JUSTICE ALFRED A. WHEAT of the District of Columbia Supreme court checked the telegram-seizing activities of the Black senate committee on lobbying. He granted the Chicago law firm of Silas H. Strawn an injunction restraining the Western Union Telegraph company from giving the committee copies of the firm's telegrams.

The judge said the subpoena served on the telegraph company by the committee, calling for copies of telegrams "goes way beyond" the committee's powers.

Next day William Randolph Hearst, newspaper publisher, began a fight in court to keep an original confidential telegram out of the hands of the Black committee; and the American Newspaper Publishers' association denounced the reported seizure of that telegram, which was to one of Mr. Hearst's editors. The association advised any other editor, should be given similar action, to consult counsel and "take vigorous steps to protect his constitutional rights."

COL. RAFAEL FRANCO, who became provisional president of Paraguay after the recent revolution there, has set up a totalitarian government modeled after German Nazism and Italian Fascism. He issued a decree which declared the state and the "liberating revolution" of February 17 as indivisible and banned for one year political labor, or other unions which "do not emanate explicitly from the state."

Paraguay, the government asserted, will be purged of "endemic, demagogic, industrial, and sectarian evils." The official statement places in the "liberating army" the principal source of authority.

The aims of the new government, the decree said, will be the construction of a new, strong Paraguay and constitutional reorganization for a future republic.

CHESTER C. DAVIS, head of the invalidated AAA, is not going to administer the soil conservation program devised as a substitute. President Roosevelt announced that Mr. Davis would leave soon on a trip to Europe to make a special study for the government of economic conditions bearing on the agricultural plans for this country. Critics of the administration immediately assumed that Mr. Davis and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace had disagreed and that the former was being gently edged out of the picture. This Mr. Wallace warmly denied, asserting there had been no friction and that he had deep affection for Mr. Davis and the sincerest respect for his ability and integrity.

In announcing the assignment, Mr. Roosevelt said: "In requesting him to make this study for our government, Secretary Wallace and I have had in mind the distinguished service Mr. Davis has given American agriculture, especially during the last two and one-half years. As administrator he has been directing governmental efforts which, to a considerable degree, were made necessary by changes in the European outlets for American farm products."

"Information to be gathered by him at close hand as to the precise nature and extent of these economic changes abroad is expected to assist greatly in developing American farm programs."

GREAT BRITAIN is interested and pleased to learn that King Edward VIII may abandon his state of bachelorhood and take unto himself a wife. This was revealed when the king authorized these lines in the message submitting the civil list to the house of commons: "His majesty desires that the contingency of his marriage should be taken into account so that, in that event, there should be a provision for her majesty."

EARL BEATTY, commander of the British war fleet in 1916-18 and afterward first lord of the admiralty, died in London after a long illness at the age of sixty-five. Rising from a sick-bed to attend the funeral of Earl Jellicoe last November, he predicted that he would soon follow his colleague. Lord Beatty had a meteoric career as a naval commander and displayed his ability in the battles of Heligoland Bight and Dogger Bank, and especially in the battle of Jutland where he commanded the first battle cruiser squadron. His wife, who died in 1932, was Ethel Field, daughter of the Chicago merchant prince, Marshall Field.

POWERS of the federal trade commission to investigate unfair trade practices will be greatly broadened by the Wheeler bill approved by the senate interstate commerce committee. It is vigorously opposed by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Newspaper Publishers' association. The measure would: Make "deceptive acts and practices in commerce" unlawful in addition to "unfair methods of competition" specified in existing law.

Expressly give the commission authority to proceed "upon its own initiative," as well as that of the President, or either house of congress as now provided.

Include persons and partnerships as well as corporations within the scope of the commission's authority to investigate business practices and conditions in interstate and foreign commerce.

Redefine "documentary evidence" to include "books of account, financial and corporate records," and make such records subject to commission subpoena.

COMMUNISTS and radicals who appeared as representatives of the Workers' Alliance of America went before WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins and made a series of demands that were all coldly turned down by that gentleman. These included the dismissal of Victor F. Ridder, New York WPA director; no cut in the 3,500,000 persons on works relief, and full union pay and union hours for persons on relief and pay for sick leave. They also demanded that all employed, whether or not on relief rolls, be given WPA work.

IN RECENT financing operations the government sold \$1,355,643,550 in bonds and notes, according to Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau. The offerings, largest since the Victory bond issue of 1919, were heavily oversubscribed by banks. This borrowing brings the public debt up to the record figure of \$31,413,000,000. The treasury's cash balance is increased to \$2,675,000,000.

The funds will finance New Deal spending in the near future, partially defray bonus costs and retire \$450,000,000 worth of treasury bills falling due March 16.

PLANS to furnish TVA power to the city of Knoxville, Tenn., under a project to be financed with PWA funds were blocked by a temporary restraining order issued by the District of Columbia Supreme court.

The order was granted on the petition of the Tennessee Public Service company which contended its \$4,000,000 investment in Knoxville would be rendered practically worthless, if the government brought cheaper power into the city.

Also in the District Supreme court, 66 producers of soft coal attacked the Guffey coal control act as unconstitutional in its entirety on the ground that it invades the rights of the states and deprives producers of their property without due process of law.

KOKI HIROTA, former foreign minister, formed a new ministry for Japan and submitted the names to the emperor. He, besides being premier, takes the foreign minister's portfolio, Lieut. Gen. Count Juichi Taruchi is put in as minister of war and Admiral Osami Nagano as minister of navy. Military leaders insisted that Hirota "show a proper recognition of the gravity of the times and the necessity for renovation of Japanese foreign policy," and to this demand he yielded somewhat.



Koki Hirota

Hirota issued a statement saying that "the present empire situation requires independent and positive readjustment of our foreign relations in order to liquidate this emergency."

Hachiro Arita, new Japanese ambassador to China, told the press in Shanghai that "it is fundamental that China recognizes Manchukuo and that the other North China questions should be settled on the spot."

"There has been no change in Japanese policy in China as a result of the recent Tokyo incident," he declared. "Japan will carry out the three principles of Koki Hirota, former Japanese foreign minister, requiring that China eliminate anti-Japanism, co-operate economically with Japan and Manchukuo and co-operate in the elimination of communism within China and along the borders."

LIEUT. ROBERT K. GIOVANNOLI of Lexington, Ky., hero of the spectacular bombing plane crash during army tests at Dayton, Ohio, last October, was killed in a crash of his army plane at Logan field, Baltimore. Giovannioli's single seated pursuit plane lost its right wing coming out of a glide and hurtled down in a crazy spin from an altitude of less than 500 feet. It rolled over after hitting the landing field and was demolished.

JAMES J. FARLEY, chairman of the Democratic national committee, let it be known that the party chieftains would make no effort to keep Al Smith out of the national convention in Philadelphia if he is elected a delegate and presents proper credentials. And once he is seated, there will be no attempt to keep him from speaking his mind. Administration leaders, it was represented, believe Mr. Roosevelt will dominate the convention so completely that no attack by Smith or anyone else on the New Deal can have any considerable effect.

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Today, states a writer in the Washington Post, important as a meteorological and wireless station

and guide for airmen, it still towers above Paris. A short time ago France added to its usefulness by making it a station for the broadcast of television programs.

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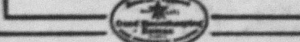
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