

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Allies Counter Nazi Air Might With Turkish Diplomatic Coup; Italy Seeks Balkan Supremacy

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THE WAR AT SEA Will Nazi air might outpoint Britain's battlewagons?

THE WAR: Diplomacy

In early 1938 Germany's conservative Field Marshal Werner von Blomberg married blonde Erika Gruhn, a carpenter's daughter...



VON BLOMBERG His wife's entourage of the more moderate of his advisers, such as von Blomberg...

Recalled by diplomats was the general army shakeup that followed, in which Baron Konstantin von Neurath lost control of German foreign policy...

At Sea

In 1919 the proud but beaten German navy scuttled 72 warships in Scapa Flow rather than lose them to the allies. In the war of 1939, Germany remembered Scapa Flow...

But Britain was not idle in this battle of airship vs. warship; she was merely less communicative than the Nazis, who boasted of their conquests...

(U. S. ships got tangled in the war zone. The liner President Harding was buffeted by stormy weather off the Irish coast and had to seek help from home. The freighter Independence Hall picked up 300 torpedo victims from the city of Mandalay.)

Western Front

Whether by choice or convenience, French-British troops began fighting a defensive war whose principal feature was "strategic retreat." On the 100-mile northern flank of the western front, Nazidom's fighting men opened a vicious offensive which drove allied troops back to their main line...

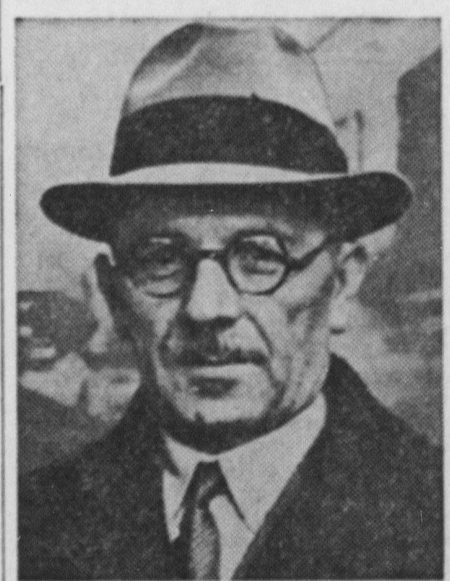
Belgian-Netherlands frontier were not there to enjoy the scenery. The burning question: Will 1914's route of invasion be used again?

THE NEUTRALS: Search for Security

From Scandinavia down through the Balkans to Turkey, diplomats scurried madly after an elusive quantity called security. The reason was Russia, whose grisly head had been shoved into eastern Europe the moment Adolf Hitler opened the door...

Balkans. Russian-Turkish talks in Moscow broke down and Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoglu left for Istanbul, presumably refusing (1) to close the strategic Dardanelles to all but Russian warships...

Commented irked Germany, which promptly snuggled closer to Russia: "It can be taken for certain that other states of the Balkan entente will see in Turkey's attitude a



SUKRU SARACOGLU Italy also watched his work.

renunciation of the preservation of neutrality which is one of the most important aims of the Balkan states."

But Berlin could not be sure. There was every indication that Italy, which fears a Russian-inspired pan-Slavic movement in the Balkans, would start collaborating with Turkey to preserve the Balkan status quo...

MISCELLANY: Jews

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More than ever, little Turkey held the balance of European power. Baltic. Fearing that Finland might meet the fate of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, all victims of Russia's westward drive, the four Scandinavian powers (Finland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden) met at Stockholm to declare their solidarity...

NEWS QUIZ

Know you news? One hundred is perfect score. Deduct 20 for each question you miss. Grades: 100, excellent; 80, good; 60, average; 40, poor; 20—1.



- 1. Above photo shows New York's Al Smith with his son. Why is the son, Al Jr., in the news? 2. What proposed U. S. trade pact are western senators fighting? Why? 3. What Latin-American nation, having been given the use of \$3,000,000 in U. S. gold, has ordered \$5,870,000 worth of railroad equipment here? 4. True or false: Under an unprecedented ruling, President Roosevelt opened U. S. harbors to all belligerent submarines. 5. What American automobile manufacturer has excluded Russian engineers who have been studying in his plant?

CONGRESS: Budding Friendship

Three weeks of neutrality debate had passed before the word "fillibuster" was mentioned on the senate floor. Yet isolationists were making a fillibuster in everything but name. West Virginia's Rush D. Holt began vying with North Dakota's Gerald Nye as No. 1 speaker...



McADOO A good lobbyist.

But behind scenes there was compromise on the two most debatable points. Repeal of the arms embargo was certain, but isolationists demanded "cash-on-the-barrelhead" instead of 90-day credits to belligerents. Shippers and seaboard states demanded that proposed restrictions on U. S. shipping be relaxed...

Key Pittman, administration leader, called his foreign affairs henchmen into council and observers were pretty sure they'd win most isolationists with these concessions:

- 1. Designating areas where U. S. ships could carry all materials except armaments. 2. If a U. S. vessel is destroyed with loss of life, the President would automatically stop trade in that vicinity. 3. The U. S. would not support a shipper's claim against a foreign government if a cargo is destroyed. 4. Vessel masters would be required to give the U. S. a statement of their cargo, detailing consignees and scheduled ports-of-call. 5. The entire western hemisphere would be opened to commercial aircraft. 6. "Cash-on-the-barrelhead" would be imposed not only against foreign governments but upon residents of those countries.

From such compromise, Democratic wheelhorses saw hope for 1940. If the President disowns third-term ambitions before congress opens next January, and if he avoids any new reform or spending program, observers were pretty certain the once-disheveled Democratic party would hang together until election time.

MISCELLANY: Jews

Meeting at Washington, the international executive committee on refugees received an appeal from U. S. Jews to consider the plight of 5,000, 900 Jews in eastern and central Europe, including those made homeless by the Polish partition. Meanwhile, President Roosevelt was handed a petition bearing 238,000 names, urging steps to make Palestine a Jewish haven...

News Quiz Answers

- 1. Al Smith Jr. is running for alderman in New York. 2. Pact with Argentina. Because U. S. manufactured products would be exchanged for Argentine farm products, allegedly working a hardship on American farmers. 3. Brazil. 4. False—definitely! The ruling was unprecedented, however, and it bans all belligerent submarines except those forced to seek haven by force majeure—an emergency due to natural or "act of God" causes. 5. Henry Ford.

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Public Sentiment Grows Insistent To Keep Out of European Muddle

Unmistakable Change Is Going on Throughout the Country; People Make Known Their Feelings and Their Thought Is Thoroughly Reflected in Congress.

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WASHINGTON.—While the Roosevelt administration continues to subordinate everything to the general subject of the European war, there has been an unmistakable change in sentiment going on throughout the country and in the capital city. It is inescapable to the merest tyro of an observer. It represents a crystallization of that foggy thing called public sentiment.

The senate has debated the issue of repeal of the arms embargo to the fullest, but the debate has fallen short of telling the whole truth. There was an entire lack of any truly great speeches. Much additional light has been thrown on the whole question of a neutrality policy, yes; but I believe the way that history will measure as statesmanlike. The amazing fact is, therefore, that public sentiment should have solidified so definitely in such a short time, with a verdict that says: "We will stay out of that European mess; it is not ours, and we will not play their game."

It is always difficult to describe what takes place in the matter of public sentiment, powerful as it is in the United States. But it is easy to describe the condition, the status, of national thought as represented by an overwhelming majority of the citizens. In the current case, it can be told in two sentences. A few weeks ago, the big shots of government were saying: "possibly" we can keep out of war; the present statement is that "probably" we can keep out of the war. It is a vital difference.

The reason for this is obvious. People have made known their feelings. They have made clear that whatever else they may differ about, they are determined and united on the one proposition, namely, that we must not get tangled up with Europe's power politics. Further, existence of this sentiment has been thoroughly reflected in congress and those who would willingly toss our armies into the flame have begun to get scared about their own hides.

Clark Takes Wallop at Assistant Secretary of War

I must qualify that statement that all of the big shots have toned down their remarks. Several continue to shout in an inflammatory way. The best known of these is Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war. It is unnecessary for me to discuss Johnson's unwise statements. I can quote a real authority, for Senator Bennett Clark, the Missouri Democrat, dealt quite fully with the assistant secretary's utterances—especially that in which Mr. Johnson said that "if the United States were not fully prepared for war, it would be overrun like Poland." Of that remark, Senator Clark had this to say, during the arms embargo debate in the senate:

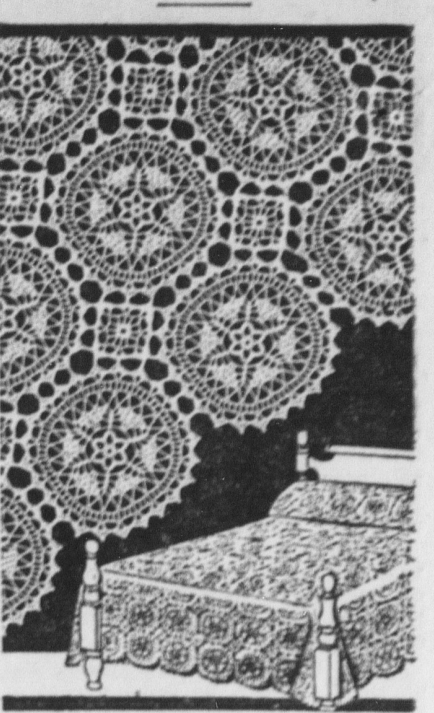
"In my judgment, no more idiotic, moronic or unpatriotic remark ever has been made by a man in high public office. . . . This is the same Louis Johnson who has been flying around the country in an army airplane for the last several years, preaching the inevitability of war and the certainty of our being drawn in and drawing horrific pictures with grisly prophecies of our shores being invaded and our own land being laid waste."

But after Senator Clark had streamlined the assistant secretary of war, he proceeded to fall off into the deepest water of demagoguery by attacking President Roosevelt's selection of members of the war resources board. To make that eagle scream in its shrillest notes, Senator Clark described it as a "Morgan-duPont board," which, to anyone who knows the facts, is a rather silly statement. With respect to the attack on Mr. Johnson, I only wish that Senator Clark had gone ahead with disclosures so that the long-continued row in the war department could have had an airing.

Johnson Reported Seeking Job of Secretary of War

It is no longer a secret in Washington that Mr. Johnson has been trying for months to get the job of secretary of war. He and Mr. Woodring do not get along, and have not for much of the time the assistant secretary has been on the job. The result has been continual friction, a handicapping of department policies and a general fear among army officers. They are afraid they will get tangled up in departmental politics and every officer knows if he guesses wrong, the chances of getting top flight assignments are nil. As can readily be seen, such a situation in a policy-making agency of government certainly does the nation no good. It is said that President Roosevelt sees Assistant Secretary Johnson more frequently than he confers with Mr. Woodring, the head of the department. Whether that is true or not, it is a fact that the President has done nothing at all to settle the long-standing row.

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QUICK QUOTES

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