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Germany's Economic Crisis Now Worries the Nazi Government—NRA Seems Due for Modification—Plot to Kill Caffery Foiled.

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RECOVERING from the terror and dismay caused by Hitler's "purging" of the Nazi party at a cost of some fifty lives, the people of Germany now realize that a serious economic crisis for their country is at hand. The essence of the Nazi new deal is that to make money is no credit to the individual, but that to work is a great honor. Incentive in the form of profit is vanishing; jobs, many of them created, have been spread out thinly; employers are urged to run their plants at their own expense, to take on more men and to increase wages under the theory that it is a privilege thus to serve the state. Observers believe the Nazi government is now trying to retreat from virtual Communism, which its leaders profess to hate, toward relative economic liberalism. The appointment of Dr. Kurt Schmitt, minister of economics, to the position of economic dictator is taken as evidence of this trend. Schmitt has been given blanket powers that will extend to October 1, and in that time he has the authority to promulgate any reasonable laws that he thinks will help trade and commerce. He also has the right to impose fines on those who do not obey his dictates.

Chancellor Hitler sought to restore quiet in the reich by ordering a political truce and a call for peace, and he then left Berlin for a vacation in the Bavarian Alps.

There is current among friends of the slain Nazi "traitors" an explanation to the effect that those men were truly the supporters of Hitler and were only preparing and arming selected troops to back him up in an attack on the reactionaries. The sponsors for this account blame General Goering for misleading Hitler and engineering the executions.

One of the chancellor's firmest friends, Rudolph Hess, minister without portfolio, broke out with a speech in which he appealed to France to help Germany avert another war, addressing himself to the veterans. Then he delivered a stern warning to France—and the world—not to try to invade the reich. "Just you dare to attack us! Just you dare to march into Germany!"

LOUIS BARTHOU, French foreign minister, went over to London to ask a lot of things of the British government, but wise observers did not believe he would get much satisfaction. The chief thing he wanted was assurance that Great Britain line up with France again in case of a war with Germany. Reports that Barthou would propose such an alliance reached London ahead of the minister and aroused loud opposition in parliament and the press. There were indications that the cabinet was very cool toward the suggestion.

HIS position greatly strengthened by events in Germany, Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss of Austria reorganized his cabinet and declared unrelenting warfare on the Nazis in his country. He got rid of three ministers who were not working well with him and himself took the portfolios of public safety, defense, foreign affairs and agriculture. Maj. Emil Fey was supplanted as vice chancellor by Prince Von Starhemberg and was given the job of repressing all anti-government political activities. Probably to register his disapproval of Hitler's methods, especially as they affect Catholics, Dollfuss recalled Stephen Tauschnitz, minister to Germany, and made him undersecretary of foreign affairs.

The opponents of Dollfuss have been resorting freely to the throwing of bombs, especially in Vienna, and the chancellor in his official communique said his patience was ended and that all political opposition to him must cease. The immediate reply to this was the throwing of a lot more bombs.

DR. SVEN HEDIN, famous Swedish explorer, has been captured for the second time by Gen. Ma Chung and his "army" of bandits in eastern Turkestan. Taken with Hedini were a dozen or so of his companions. The captives were reported to have been

imprisoned in an inaccessible camp in the neighborhood of Aksu, and officials of the Chinese government said that their rescue would be exceedingly difficult. Hedini was engaged in laying out a new trade route across China, following the ancient silk caravan route. Last March General Ma captured him and held him for three weeks.

"ASSISTANT PRESIDENT" is what they now call Donald Richberg, because he is at the head of a kind of super-cabinet which holds power during the absence of President Roosevelt. The counsel for the NRA has his work cut out for him, and has gone at it with a will. The chief part of his task is acting as director of an industrial emergency committee which has been given sweeping supervisory and co-ordinating powers over the major agencies of the New Deal.

What is going to happen to the NRA is an absorbing question to many of our best minds. General Johnson has recommended the creation of an entirely new body to take its place and to perform the functions of the federal trade commission in preventing monopoly. In this he recognizes as just some of the complaints uttered by Senator Borah. The plan was submitted to Mr. Roosevelt before he went to sea, and is being studied by Richberg and others.

The administrator, meanwhile, is undertaking to complete the regimentation of industry. He issued an order directing all industries still uncodified either to sign specific codes or to submit to a new "basic code" governing wages and hours. A time limit of 30 days was set, and three of the general's aides were named to supervise this operation.

Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, in his capacity of chairman of the Democratic senatorial campaign committee, replied to the charge that the New Deal fosters monopoly by asserting that the administration intends to prosecute the monopolists. In another statement Senator Lewis indicated the President is willing to modify the NRA and perhaps some other New Deal policies.

BEING ambassador to Cuba is no snap. The authorities of the island republic have just uncovered an extensive plot to assassinate Ambassador Jefferson Caffery with bombs, many of which were found. Something like seventy-five former army officers were arrested and it was a sad documentary proof of the plot was seized. The officials also found large stores of guns and munitions in warehouses.

Jose Pedraza, chief of the Havana police, said the former officers were aided by one faction of the ABC political society, which recently withdrew its support from the Mendieta government, and planned a revolt in Havana, striking at police stations and army barracks simultaneously in a night attack after cutting electric lights off over the city. There were persistent reports in Havana that President Mendieta would resign in favor of Col. Fulgencio Batista, head of the army.

THROUGH four counties of southern Illinois a tornado swept, and Jacksonville was especially hard hit. Scores of persons were injured and the property damage was estimated at a million dollars. Hundreds of the big old oaks, elms and cottonwoods that have been the glory of the city for many years, were destroyed.

WHEAT production in the United States this year will be the lowest since 1896, according to the government report. For the second year since 1890 the yield will fall below domestic consumption.

The government's figures, which completely upset calculations of the grain trade, indicated the aggregate of the country's five leading grain crops will fall 450,000,000 bushels short of last year's production and 1,588,000,000 bushels below the yearly average for the period from 1927-31. The government estimated the total

wheat crop at 484,000,000 bushels, which is 16,000,000 bushels below the forecast it made a month ago.

Even more sensational than the report on wheat was the government prediction of a corn crop of 2,113,000,000 bushels. Private authorities had predicted a crop of 2,334,000,000 bushels, and it was believed that the government's figure would show little change. The corn crop has been counted on to make up the known deficiencies in other feed crops. Last year the corn crop totaled 2,330,000,000 bushels and in the five years from 1927 to 1931 the country produced an average of 2,516,000,000 bushels a year.

THE world civil service commission of the Methodist Episcopal church, in session at Evanston, Ill., voted to participate in the campaign against dirty moving pictures that originated largely in the Legion of Decency organized within the Catholic church.

This campaign is having its effect on the movie industry and the makers of film pictures have been deeply disturbed. Joseph I. Breen of Will Hays' office has been made virtual dictator of pictures in so far as their decency is concerned. Ten of the largest concerns making movies have agreed to "grant to exhibitors the right to omit the exhibition of any motion picture released prior to July 15, 1934, against which there is a genuine protest on moral grounds." This is a big modification of the "block booking" system that has prevailed, and at Hays' office in Hollywood it was said that it will cost the producers around ten millions of dollars.

IT MAY be that William P. McCracken, Jr., will not have to serve the ten days in jail to which the senate sentenced him. The District of Columbia Court of Appeals, by a 3 to 2 vote, decided the senate had not the jurisdiction to inflict such punishment. The case will be carried up to the Supreme Court.

McCracken was tried by the senate for contempt because he refused to give the airmail committee copies of correspondence with his clients. He claimed that as a lawyer he could not produce the documents without permission from his clients.

THOUSANDS of applicants for TWA funds are sure to be disappointed, according to Secretary Ickes, who says nearly all that administration's money has been allocated or earmarked. President Roosevelt recently turned over to PWA about \$400,000,000 of the maximum of \$500,000,000 which congress authorized him to allocate for public works.

Ickes said the other \$100,000,000 might be handed over to the PWA later, but that "we are proceeding on the theory that we will have \$400,000,000 to spend" in addition to the original \$3,300,000,000 appropriation disposed of long ago.

FOR the first time in history a newspaper office has been picketed by editorial workers. This was done by leaders of the American and New York newspaper guilds to the Long Island Press, published in Jamaica, L. I. The Press says it "operates all its mechanical departments on a union basis and exceeds the requirements of the NRA in every department." But Heywood Brown and his colleagues aver it opposes the organization of editorial workers and has violated the collective bargaining provision of the NRA. Therefore they are asking that the government prosecute the Press.

COMMUNIST agitators who fostered a farm strike in New Jersey didn't get far. The government conciliator stepped in and, finding most of the trouble was due to the efforts of the reds, soon made arrangements for the men to go back to work on terms that did not differ from those formerly prevailing. The Communists are playing a big part in at least ten of the major strikes now in effect.

WITH its eyes on the coming congressional campaign, the G. O. P. elephant is sitting up and taking notice. In other words, the Republican party is showing signs of a distant revitalization. Its national leaders are busy these days. The party's eightieth birthday was celebrated at Jackson, Mich., with many speeches and assurances of future victories, National Chairman Fletcher being in the van of the assurers. Mr. Fletcher then went to Chicago, where many of the most important men in the party met with him in closed conferences.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT made brief but pleasant visits to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, inspecting government projects and talking reassuringly to the inhabitants. Then the cruiser Houston headed for Cartagena, Colombia, for a short stop before going to the Canal Zone.

At Colon practically the entire population was out to see Mr. Roosevelt, and he was cheered all the way through the canal to Balboa. There he landed and motored to Panama City where he was the guest of President Arias at dinner and delivered an address. Returning to the Houston, the President began the 12-day journey across the Pacific to Honolulu.

Hitler Youth in Their Training Camp



ONE of the achievements of the Nazi regime in Germany is the organization of the boys and girls into a body known as the "Hitler Youth." A big group of these young folk are here seen at the kitchen of their training camp on the Tempelhof field.

BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

PETER RABBIT CALLS ON MELODY

YOU know what a great hand Peter Rabbit is to stay out all night. He did just that thing that night after listening to the twilight song of Melody the Wood Thrush. Just before it was time for jolly, round, red Mr. Sun to kick off his rosy blankets and begin his daily climb up in the blue, blue sky, Peter started for home in the dear Old Briar Patch. Everywhere, in the Old Orchard, the Green Forest, on the Green Meadows, his feathered friends were awakening. As he hopped along, lipperty-lip, he heard those beautiful flute-like notes of Melody the Wood Thrush. Turning, he scampered over to where he had spent such a peaceful hour the evening before. Melody saw him at once, and hopped down on the ground for a little gossip while he scratched among the leaves in search of his breakfast.

"I just love to hear you sing, Melody," cried Peter, rather breathlessly. "I don't know of any other song that makes me feel quite as yours does, so sort of perfectly contented and free of care and worry."

"Thank you," replied Melody. "I'm glad you like to hear me sing, for there is nothing I like to do better. It is the one way in which I can express my feelings. I love all the great world, and I just have to tell it so. I do not mean to boast when I say that all the Thrush family have good voices."

"But you have the best of all," cried Peter. Melody shook his brown head. "I wouldn't say that," said he modestly. "I think the song of my cousin Hermit

is even more beautiful than mine. Then there is my cousin Veery. His song is wonderful, I think."

But just then Peter's curiosity was greater than his interest in songs. "Have you built your nest yet?" Melody nodded. "It is in a little tree not far from here," said he, "and Mrs. Wood Thrush is sitting on five eggs this blessed minute. Isn't that perfectly lovely?"

It was Peter's turn to nod. "What is your nest built of?" he inquired. "Rootlets and tiny twigs and weed stalks and leaves and mud," replied Melody.

"Mud!" exclaimed Peter. "Why, that's what Welcome Robin uses in his nest."

"Well, Welcome Robin is my own cousin, so I don't know as there's anything so surprising in that," retorted Melody. "Now, if you'll excuse me, Peter, I'll get my breakfast and give Mrs. Wood Thrush a chance to get hers."

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QUESTION BOX By ED WYNN... The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Wynn:
Why is it that "tramps" are so popular?

Sincerely,
R. R. TIES.

Answer—Because they never start any labor disputes.

Dear Mr. Wynn:
Can you tell me the origin of the old adage about "Father Makes Hay," etc., etc.?

Yours truly,
A. CORNFIELD.
Answer: It originated in the year 1863. A very wealthy farmer, who raised hay and wheat on a farm in Minnesota, had a son about eighteen years of age who was tired of working for his father, raising hay and wheat, and decided to go to New York city. His father gave him some money, and on the son's arrival in New York he had about \$24 left. Realizing he could only live for a day on that in New York, the boy invested his money immediately.

He bought a bootblack stand and started to shine shoes for a living. There's the whole story. The son stayed in New York city, shining shoes for his living, and the father continued to earn his living, out in Minnesota, raising hay and wheat, so you see, "The Father Made Hay While the Son Shined."

Dear Mr. Wynn:
I borrowed three hundred dollars from a friend of mine last July and I am unable to pay him back. He doesn't know it yet. I would like to return it but it doesn't look as if I will ever give him his three hundred dollars. What shall I do? I haven't been able to sleep on account of this.

Sincerely,
A. PAUPER.
Answer: The first thing you should do is to go to your friend and tell him you will not be able to return his three hundred dollars. Then he won't be able to sleep, either.
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When Mother Calls

By ANNE CAMPBELL

PATTY is not used to treatment which is anything but kind, But when Mother calls: "Patricia!" Patty knows she has to mind!

It is "Patty, dear!" and "Darling!" When our little girl is good, But when Mother calls: "Patricia!" Things aren't going as they should!

When you see her running homeward, Then most likely you will find Mother sternly called: "Patricia!" So she knows she has to mind!
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serve, but like omelets, will not wait without falling. Here is one that will stand up even during the serving:

Custard Souffle.

Cream two tablespoonfuls of butter and one and one-half tablespoonfuls of flour. Pour on gradually one cupful of hot milk in which one tablespoonful of tapioca has been cooked for 15 minutes. Cook eight minutes in a double boiler. Separate four eggs, beat yolks, add two tablespoonfuls of sugar and add to the milk mixture. Cool, add the stiffly beaten whites and bake 30 minutes in a moderate oven.

Casseroles of Salmon.

Take two cupfuls of cooked, shredded salmon, two tablespoonfuls of tapioca uncooked, one cupful of milk, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, a dash each of pepper and paprika. Mix in the order given and bake ten minutes, then cover with small baking powder biscuit and finish baking.

Fruit Omelet.

Beat the yolks of six eggs, add two tablespoonfuls of sugar and one-half cupful of orange juice. Fold in the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs and pour into a hot, well-buttered omelet pan. Cook slowly, lifting the edges until a golden brown on the bottom. Spread one-half thickly with orange marmalade, and fold. Serve at once.
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Do YOU Know—



The girl chum says an ideal doctor would be one who would not only prescribe a winter vacation but would knock the price of the ticket off his fee.
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Mother's Cook Book

INSTEAD OF MEAT

IN MANY homes where the use of meat must be restricted a vegetable plate will be a most welcome addition; here is one:

In center of the platter hot stuffed peppers, at each end halves of new cabbage cooked, and a white sauce with cheese poured over it, sliced buttered beets on one side and browned potatoes on the other.

Tapioca Omelet.

Stir two tablespoonfuls of tapioca into three-fourths of a cupful of scalded milk, one-half teaspoonful of salt. Cook for ten minutes in a double boiler. Remove from the fire, stir in four well-beaten egg yolks and a tablespoonful of butter. Fold in the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs and pour into a well-buttered hot omelet pan. Cook as usual; brown under the gas or in the oven.
Souffles are such pretty dishes to

Volcanic Eruptions

Volcanic eruptions, drought and unusually severe winters are sufficiently striking to be recorded in the history of the world long before the establishment of weather organizations by the nations to make a systematic record of the daily variations. If records of volcanic eruptions are traced back through the ages, it will be seen that in many instances dry periods and severe winters followed such occurrences.

Bought by Young Astor for His Bride



VIEW of Chetwode, one of the show places of Newport, R. I., which was purchased by young John Jacob Astor for his bride, who was Ellen Tuck French.