

Weekly News Analysis Europe Watches Tiny Ruthenia For Next Step in German March

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THE DISMEMBERED CORPSE OF CZECHO-SLOVAKIA Mr. Chamberlain wasn't interested in the funeral.

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Europe

Died, at the age of 20, Czechoslovakia; born of World war opportunism, succumbed a victim of its own unnatural unity.

Adolf Hitler might place that inscription on the national tombstone of a nation he snuffed out. Partially he would be right. But Czechoslovakia's "unnatural unity" might have become natural had not the flames of discontent been fanned by Berlin and Vienna.

Birth: On May 30, 1918, Czechoslovakia was born at Pittsburgh, Pa. Attending physician was Thomas G. Masaryk, a modern George Washington who pooled the causes of two depressed peoples.

Illness: Pride may keep the patient from admitting his ill health, but sometimes the body builds physical resistance to a point where the ailment becomes unimportant. Slovakia's autonomy cry has been the Czech nation's headache for 20 years.

Dictator Stalin: Whether Hitler after Prague? hostie Russia. France and Britain forlornly hope Hitler will march blindly into the Ukraine, engaging Russia in a war which might spell death for both Nazism and Communism.

Deaths: (See Map). That Adolf Hitler hopes eventually to control Russia's rich Ukraine is no secret. Since Munich his overlordship in Czechoslovakia has aimed in that direction.

Always an opportunist, Der Fuehrer made the most of overnight developments. Slovakia revolted against Prague, Carpatho-Ukraine declared its independence and was immediately gobbled up by Hungary and Rumania.

In Memoriam. Only a few days earlier London and Paris were boasting that dictator appeasement was ended, that democracy's star was rising and totalitarianism's falling.

The real reason was far more cunning, though it could be interpreted only as a continuation of the modern Anglo-French disinclination to face issues squarely.

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Careful observers see one of three solutions, listed in order of likelihood: (1) Hitler will reconcile differences with Russia via a trade and military pact holding fearful implications for world democracies.

Congress

Said Virginia's Rep. Clifton Woodrum, house economy leader who was ousted as head of the relief subcommittee: "I have not changed my belief that the amount appropriated was sufficient to carry WPA through the year. However, I am open to conviction."

Answered President Roosevelt, who has repeated his request for \$150,000,000 more WPA funds: "The responsibility... rests... with congress."

Spending is the woe of most U. S. senators and representatives, yet the early March economy bloc which threatened to wreck administration financial plans has already reached an amazingly effective stalemate.

Debt. Mr. Roosevelt is willing to drop his request for a boost in the public debt limit from \$45,000,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000.



SECRETARY MORGENTHAU His alternatives were uninviting.

little more inviting: (1) increase the bond limit over its present \$30,000,000,000 to be reached by September 30; (2) borrow funds for the treasury through Reconstruction Finance corporation or other agencies not falling within the general budget's scope;

Taxation. Though repeal of capital gains and undivided profits levies is a major congressional aim this session, the normal tax rate must then be boosted unless a substantial budget slash is effected.

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Headliners

LUIGI CARDINAL MAGLIONE

The new, 62-year-old papal secretary of state is a lifelong friend and one-time classmate of the former Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, who appointed him after being elevated to the post of Pope Pius XII.

Proper Legal Power Used, But It Is Used Selfishly

Representative Halleck of Indiana has been engaged for weeks in digging up facts about these trade barriers. He told me the other day that he intends to try to break them down, either by constitutional amendment or by national statute.

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National Union Endangered by Trade Barriers Between States

Bootlegging of Milk and Cream Calls Attention to Condition That Has Become Flagrant; Proper Government Functions Used to Accomplish Unscrupulous Ends.

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WASHINGTON.—City officials and newspapers of Washington, D. C., have worked themselves into a terrible dither lately over a new kind of bootlegger—a bootlegger of milk and cream.

According to the charges filed and upon which arrests were made, a dairy four or five hundred miles from Washington, inspected and licensed by the state of its location, brought in a truck load of refrigerated cream without first having obtained a permit to do so.

The incident is very important as illustrative of a condition that is rapidly endangering the national union of states, and is, therefore, a matter for analysis here.

Barriers to Trade Between States Has Become Flagrant

The thing called to national attention by the cream bootlegger is the existence through the nation of barriers or obstacles to trade between the states. It has become flagrant. Selfish interests have been operating, first, in one state; then, in another.

It is serious business, and there is no doubt in my mind but what the condition bodes ill for national unity. It takes no expanded imagination to think of the time when we might have 48 little nations, snarling and frothing at the mouth as crudely, and quite as unintelligently, as they do throughout Europe.

National Government Policy To Blame for Conditions

I have been wondering, therefore, what had actuated the selfish interests of the country to start on this spree of battling among themselves. There must have been some reason behind that. At least, I have come to believe there is.

Suddenly, however, the states and their citizens have discovered their whole jurisdiction is enveloped in creeping paralysis. We have all noted resentment in the last few years at the encroachment of federal regulation upon individual rights and freedom.

Speaking of Sports

Mack, 76, Still Cagiest Pilot in Major Leagues

By ROBERT McSHANE

THOUGH every sport boasts of at least a baker's dozen "Grand Old Men," baseball's one and only dean of managers is Connie Mack.

Connie Mack—abbreviation of Cornelius McGillicuddy—started catching for Washington more than a half century ago. His first job as manager came in 1894 when he took charge of the Pirates.

The brainiest, most articulate manager of today, Connie has picked an all-time all-star baseball team, with the statement: "There have been many great ball players and the team I pick may



CONNIE MACK

not necessarily be the best team of all. It is merely my idea of the best team." His infield includes Jimmy Foxx, first base; Eddie Collins, second base; Honus Wagner, shortstop, and Jimmy Collins, third base.

Christy Mathewson heads the list of his pitching staff, supplemented by Rube Waddell, Walter Johnson, Jack Coombs, Lefty Grove and Chief Bender.

To Connie Mack, Mickey Cochran was the greatest catcher of all time, followed by Bill Dickey. Others meriting a place on his dream team were Lou Gehrig, Al Simmons, Ed Delehanty, Amos Strunk, Stuff McInnis, and Joe Cronin.

The old master is credited as being the greatest developer of talent in baseball's history. His name brings to mind such players as Jimmy Dykes, Foxx, Eddie Plank, Chief Bender and the extremely eccentric Rube Waddell.

His Last Year?

IT DOESN'T take a particularly close observer to note that Lou Gehrig, one of the greatest first basemen of all time and iron man of baseball, will probably wind up his big league career this season.

Larryup Lou is now 36 years old, and even the toughest of men must ultimately bow to time. He has been circling the bases for the past 16 years, 14 of them with the Yankees. He had run his string of consecutive season games to 2,123 when the Yankees finished last season, before their third straight world series triumph. It is one of the greatest records in baseball history, and may stand forever, as physical hazards are increased with a faster game.

It was then Outfielder Tommy Henrich started getting a bit of first base practice, though not enough to alarm Lou. Things are different this season. Manager McCarthy is openly looking for a first base successor to Lou, and is in possession of five such candidates. They are Tommy Henrich, Ed Levy, Fred Collis, Ken Sears and Babe Dahlgren. It won't be a happy day when Iron Man Lou misses his first complete game. And it's not an easy task to find a man who can take the place of the great Gehrig.

Jock Resigns

THOUGH the resignation of Dr. John Bain (Jock) Sutherland as head football coach at the University of Pittsburgh came at a time when attention centered on baseball spring training camps, it nevertheless was in the sports limelight.

Builder of great football teams and maker of all-Americans, Sutherland had coached at Pitt for 15 years. Most of his friends stated that the turbulent history of athletics at the school during the past two years was the cause of his resignation.

James Hagan's appointment as Pitt athletic director in 1937 was followed by a series of reforms to purify athletics. Later followed Chancellor John G. Bowman's code which cut athletic scholarships, pushing Pitt toward athletic mediocrity. Unquestionably constant bickering with officials and players alike hastened Sutherland's decision.

In 1927, 1929, 1932 and 1937, Pitt teams played in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif. He won the last game, defeating Washington 21 to 0. In 1927 Stanford won 7 to 6. The second game saw Southern California win 47 to 14, and in 1937 Southern California defeated the Panthers 35 to 0.

His coaching ability is reflected by his record. His teams won the eastern championship eight times, once at Lafayette, where he formerly coached, and seven times at Pitt. His all-time record at Lafayette was 33 victories, eight defeats and two ties, and 111 victories, 26 defeats and 12 ties at Pitt. Of the 186 games played, his teams have won 144, lost 28 and tied 14.

Sutherland has made no secret of prospects for a mediocre team in 1939. Freshman squad ranks were depleted through ineligibility, and 11 regulars were lost to this year's team.

Sport Shorts

MOUNT HOOD, ORE., is the scene of America's longest skiing season. An annual tournament is held there in November and an international downhill race late in June. Johnny Weismuller was "favorite athlete's" poll of Northwestern's swimming team... Gaby Hartnett, manager of the Cubs, is in his best physical shape in 10 years, weighing only 208 pounds.

Lucky Larson, Gabby Hartnett Navy's new football coach, is a stamp collector... The University of Nebraska's baseball team is preparing to make a playing tour of California... Tony Musto, Chicago's heavyweight fighter, quit a job as grocery clerk to enter the ring... Freddy Hutchinson, Detroit's recruit hurler from Seattle, is another Pacific coast idol... Charles Bowen, business manager of University of Illinois athletics, has been elected president of the Champaign chamber of commerce... Purdue has won or divided the Western conference basketball championship 12 times since the spot was adopted on a conference wide basis in 1912... Jack Dempsey's horse, Dr. Wilson, won \$10,000 on a side bet for his owner in a New Year's race at Tia Juana, Mexico, in 1928.

Lasting Popularity

On September 23, 1925, Jack Dempsey lost the heavyweight championship of the world to Gene Tunney.

Though it has been 13 years since he held pugilism's top ranking, Dempsey continues to capitalize on his boxing reputation. Appearing as a non-combatant, Dempsey still packs in the crowds. The Manassa Mauler today is more of a drawing card than most heavyweight contenders.

Ring followers attribute his popularity to two reasons: First, the "long count" at Chicago. Numerous fans thought that Dempsey won the fight, thus it established him as a martyr. Second, Dempsey actually enjoys mixing with fans who want his autograph, who want to shake hands with him, and who demand so much of his time. The former champ is always available for an interview, and his colorful personality have made him newsworthy copy for a generation. He is smart in giving out interviews. He refuses to talk on matters of which he is not familiar. Though his ring prognostications are often in error, he doesn't make the customary mistake of furnishing all his prophetic mistakes. He merely keeps silent, and by keeping silent escapes the criticism which often befalls the expert.

As an ambassador of good will, Dempsey was recognized by the New York Boxing Writers' Association, which voted him the outstanding figure in the sport in 1938. Western Newspaper Union.