

NAZI ACTIVITY STIRS BALKANS TO NEW PACTS

Diplomats Busy Fearing Revival of Germany's Push to East—Specter Is Serving to Unify Peninsula

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LONDON.—(UP)—Realization that Germany, already a strong economic unit, is unlikely to recover her role as a great military power within a few years, has stirred the Balkans to diligent political activity.

Drowsily emerging from the lethargy of feudalism and not yet caught in the stream of western industrialism, southeastern Europe is slow to react to new political currents. This may explain why Hitler's assumption of the German government shook western Europe to its foundations at least six months before its repercussions were noticeable in the Balkans.

Last September, however, the Balkan governments began to rub their eyes, stretch and peer at the changes which the Nazi upheaval had wrought in the European political landscape.

Pricking their ears, the Balkan diplomats caught German words which had a faintly familiar ring. In pre-war days, Wilhelm II was the exponent of what his professional subjects termed German push-to-the-east (Drang nach Osten). German financial and economic penetration of southeastern Europe bore witness to the success of that policy, which was to have been crowned by the construction of the Berlin-Bagdad railway. But the war thwarted the fruition of that ambitious project.

Halkans Becoming Unified
Since Hitler's rise to power, Germany has been enunciating slogans reminiscent of the Drank-nach-Osten. Just as the Kaiser's policy of expansion to the east rallied Serbia, Rumania and Polish Czechoslovakian legionnaires to the allied banner, the specter of an eastward-pushing Germany today is unifying the Balkan peninsula.

Alfred Hugenberg, then Hitler's minister of economics, started the World Economic conference, to which he was a leading delegate, by publishing a memorandum, demanding an outlet for German energy and enterprise in eastern Europe. The Moscow government interpreted this outburst as a German bid for Soviet Ukraine territory; the Baltic states suspected Hitler of coveting their soil, and the Balkan nations heard echoes of the Drank-Osten, of which they had been the victims.

At the same time, Germany ameliorated her relations with her "new traditional enemy," Poland. The promise given by Hitler to the Polish government, that Germany would not try to rectify her eastern frontier by force, made the obtrusive Polish Corridor danger recede into the background. Her friendly relations with Poland, some contended, might enable Germany to concentrate her attention on other regions, such as the Ukraine and Balkans.

Alienated Soviet
Indeed, the alleged desire of Hitler on Soviet Ukraine caused the Soviet government to turn its back on Germany and seek friends among France and her allies. The Soviets were met more than half way by Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia, all of which signed peace pacts with the Soviets last August. Turkey was both a party to these pacts and the intermediary in bringing them about.

Russia's approach to these Slav states, coupled with the recent improvement of relations between Jugoslavia and Bulgaria, caused some astute commentators to speak and write of a revival of pan-Slavism. But to assume that the Soviet regime intends to adopt the aims and methods of czarist Russia in the Balkans is utterly to ignore the anti-imperialist policy of Moscow. It is precisely because the Balkan countries are convinced that Russia does not covet an inch of their soil that they are turning toward Moscow in a spirit of friendship after 16 years of mingled suspicion and hostility.

CALIFORNIA LIKES SALES TAX-FIELD

A good word for the sales tax and its operation in the state of California, was spoken here today by Harvey Field, who recently returned with Mrs. Field from a visit in the golden state.

Spending the largest portion of their time in Los Angeles, San Diego and neighboring country districts, the Fields found the people of all classes welcoming the tax, now that the results are beginning to come in. Mr. Field stated today he did not hear a dissenting word in all his interviews. Real property owners in California have already realized from 30 to 40 per cent relief through the sales tax. Ranchers, as a result, are particularly happy over the measure, which was at first strongly resented.

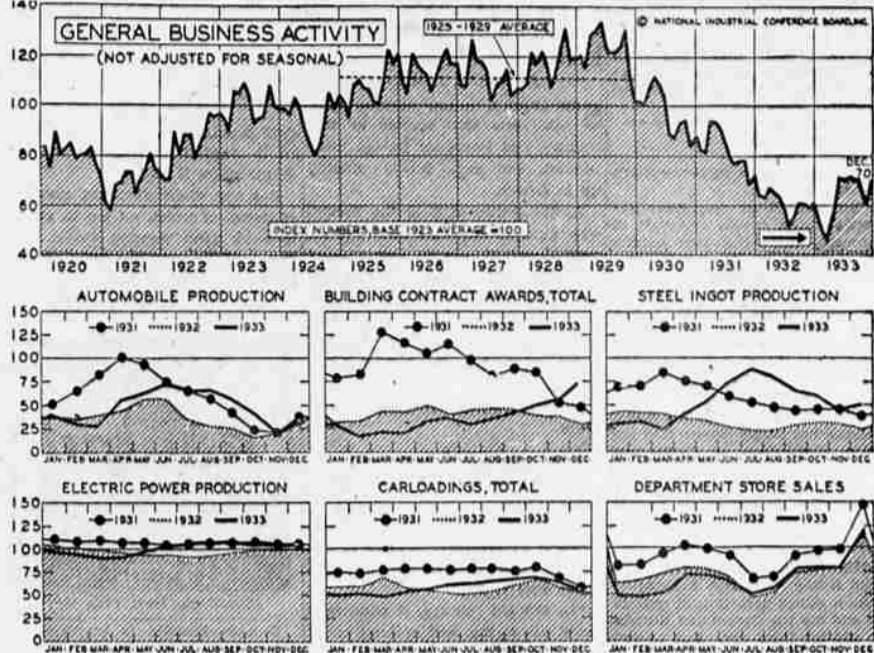
PERSHING RECEIVING ANNUAL GOING OVER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—General John J. Pershing is in Walter Reed hospital for his annual physical examination.

To entered the hospital Sunday and physicians said he probably would remain until Friday.

Physicians said the general is not ill.

Business Activity : : Statistics Show Halt In Series Of Declines



NEW YORK.—(AP)—Trade and production increases as shown in the monthly report of the National Industrial Conference board marked the end of a five-month series of declines.

Automobile production in the United States and Canada advanced sharply in December over November, the board reported, but not so much as in corresponding periods of the two preceding years.

Building and engineering construction in December showed continued advances started in August, and additional advances appeared in the first two weeks of January. The November to December gain of 27.4 per cent brought dollar value of awards to a level 155 per cent above a year ago. Factory construction increased sharply in December.

Awards for public works and utility construction advanced 20 per cent over November, bringing dollar value of contract awards to a level almost 10 times as high as April and more than three times as high as the December, 1932, total.

Steel production advanced in December over November after four months of decline. The rise of 22.5 per cent brought the average daily production to a level 124 per cent above a year ago.

Electric power production advanced 1 per cent in December over the previous month. Freight shipments showed a December loss of 10.4 per cent against a seasonal loss expectation of 15 per cent.

The dollar volume of department store turn-over increased 56 per cent against a normal seasonal advance of 49 per cent. Prices of department store items were off 0.2 per cent, the first decline since April. The price level averaging 19.2 per cent over December, 1932.

ROOSEVELT BALL CLEARS \$501 FOR ENDOWMENT AID

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figures when the net profits were listed this morning.

A letter, prepared by Porter J. Neff, chairman of the Medford ball, was forwarded to Keith Morgan, treasurer of the national birthday ball committee today with Medford's contribution. The letter read:

"Over eleven hundred citizens of Medford, Oregon, are happy to send the enclosed certified check for \$501.60, the receipts from the President's Birthday Dance party, held in Medford last night.

"We extend best wishes for many happy returns of our president's birthday and share his fine enthusiasm and kindly sympathy in behalf of the crippled children of the nation, particularly those stricken with infantile paralysis for whom the birthday gifts are to be used. A splendid heart-warming charity worthy of the warm-hearted American people."

(Signed) "PORTER J. NEFF, Chairman, "MOORE HAMILTON, Vice-Chairman, "LARRY SCHADE, Treasurer, the Medford Anniversary Party."

The crowd at the dance, through ticket sales, was estimated at the 1100 quoted. Music for dancing was furnished free of charge by the three well-known orchestras entertaining "Spicy" Stone's, Dymke's Red Coats and Al Stewart's band, making it possible for the local committee to send a much larger sum to the foundation for cure of infantile paralysis than would otherwise have been possible.

Sets High Bail



C. V. Budlong, justice of the peace at Tucson, Ariz., set what he thinks "a reasonable and fair bail" for each member of the John Dillinger gang at \$100,000 each. Four members of the Midwest crowd were captured. (Associated Press Photo)

to the new proclamation, details of which were not immediately available.

The announcement did not come until close to the end of the day's trading here, and hours after European markets were closed.

SILENCE RULES IN BANKER KIDNAPING

ST. PAUL, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Numerous letters—but none from the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, seized for \$200,000 ransom two weeks ago today—have been received at the home of the Bremer family.

Adolph Bremer, principal owner of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing company and father of the missing man, insisted today that of the scores of missives received daily, not one had been from the gang.

The welfare of the 37-year-old owner and president of the Commercial State bank still was a matter of conjecture as the worry over his absence was unalayed by continued silence.

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CRISP LOVELINESS FOR EVENING



The piquant model is with us again. Miriam Hopkins exemplifies the new trend in a frock of white organdie embroidered in silver. A narrow silver belt circles the waist. (Associated Press Photo)

MEDFORD COFFEE SHOP WILL OPEN

The smart new coffee shop of the Hotel Medford will open Thursday, according to an announcement today by P. G. Denson, manager of the hotel. Workmen are putting the finishing touches on the installation of the attractive Trowbridge fixtures and patrons of the Hotel Medford will now enjoy excellent service in lunches, meals and short orders in this new department. The dining room of the Medford will continue to offer regular diningroom service.

Another improvement at the Hotel Medford is the refashioning of the floors in the diningroom. A smooth dancing surface will add to the pleasure of periodical dinner dances now being featured.

CONSTRUCTION CODE IS GIVEN APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Hugh S. Johnson, recovery administrator, today told a convention of associated general contractors that he had approved the construction code and that the President would sign it shortly.

59.06 PER CENT OF OLD WEIGHT SET FOR VALUE

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The gold devaluation proclamation makes available a dollar profit to the government of more than \$2,500,000,000, of which \$2,000,000,000 will form the huge stabilization fund with which President Roosevelt will seek to manage the dollar's foreign exchange value to the benefit of American trade.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Principal foreign currencies rose abruptly in terms of the dollar, and foreign exchange dealing was thrown into confusion, immediately after President Roosevelt announced devaluation of the dollar to 59.06 of former parity.

The pound sterling, which had declined 2 3/8 cents earlier in the day to \$4.97 1/2, quickly rose to a quotation of \$5.02 bid, with no offers. The French franc, which had declined earlier in the day 20 1/2 cents to 22 1/2 cents, quickly advanced to 24 1/2 bid, which indicated a dollar slightly above 62 per cent of its old parity.

FAITH AND HOPE EPISCOPAL AIM

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Episcopalians of Oregon were challenged to a forward looking spiritual program here today in the annual message of Bishop Walter T. Sumner to the diocesan convention.

at a joint session of the clergy and lay delegates with the women's auxiliary. Nearly 200 delegates representing 200 auxiliary branches of the diocese were present for a meeting here yesterday.

The Oregon program, it was explained by Bishop Sumner, is a part of a national church setup aimed to banish fear and discouragement from the hearts of men resulting from financial disappointments. And to substitute therefor Christian faith and hope.

PENDLETON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Jack Kogut, 208-pound Iowa wrestler, won the main event here last night from Harry Demetral, 202, Chicago, on a foul.

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TEST No. 15

Take a small rubber band—not more than two inches in length. Place one loop over your little finger... Then pull it across the top of your hand, well below your knuckles and catch the other end in the position indicated in the drawing. Now, without touching your hand to your body, without help from the other hand, work off the rubber band. Average time is 10 seconds.

Shepard Bentley (Camel smoker), famous bridge expert, completed the test in 1 1/2 seconds.

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