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FOUR POWER PARLEY NEAR AGREEMENT

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ONLY WAR CAN SOLVE PUZZLE OF GERMAN ECONOMICS. EXPERTS DOUBT THEORY OF EARLY COLLAPSE. WEAKNESS OF REICH SEEN IN METAL SUPPLY. FOOD RESOURCES HELD PRESSING PROBLEM.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—If war comes, it will solve one of the greatest puzzles in the world today—the real nature of the authoritarian economy, and the solution of the puzzle, in turn, is likely to decide the outcome of the conflict.

You have heard the talk of Germany's strength and weakness, to take the most important example. Hitler shouts to his people that his country is better prepared to fight than ever before. Goering, in a crescendo of enthusiasm, triples his estimate of reserve supplies in the course of two days' oratory. On the other side, optimists declare that Germany cannot last through two months of fighting, and it's the general conviction in this country that a short war will be the limit of German endurance.

The problem is one of those involved in the European situation on which as good information is available here as abroad. And the best information is that it's foolish and dangerous to count on Germany's collapse. The collapse may come, but those who have studied the question most closely believe that the short war theory has no more solid foundation than Goering's boasts.

One group of government experts has just completed a careful study of the known facts on Germany, which are about the same facts discoverable by London and Paris. The experts started at Hitler's accession to power. They traced the gyrations of the Nazi economy through the first period, into the time of the present economic dictatorship of Goering. They found remarkable and undoubted successes in some directions, such as finding synthetic substitutes for needed raw materials. But they came to the final conclusion that Germany's real strength is a complete mystery, penetrable only by good guessing.

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FIRST SNOWFALL ON GREENSPRINGS

ASHLAND, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Two inches of snow, the first of the season and several weeks earlier than usual, fell on the Hayden mountain section of the Greensprings highway yesterday.

The light covering melted quickly. Rain and low temperatures prevailed here today.

Plan Prayer

PORTLAND, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The Portland Council of Churches set aside Sunday as a day of prayer to save the world from "the awfulness of war." Lovers of peace were urged to pray for success of the four-power conference at Munich today.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ruth Edgell being about the hardest person in town to contact on the telephone, she being put when the phone rings or very busy when she is in and the phone rings.

Fred Leonard just a bundle of excitement over attending the big football game this week-end.

Cappy Bill Deibel being an answer to a scribe's prayers and extending lots of valuable aid.

Ellie Kurtz learning the name of her next-door neighbor after a year.

Alice Egan being an enthusiastic listener as plans for musical events were unfolded.

Glenn Jackson practically demolishing a local clothing store as he shopped for a winter overcoat.

NAZI OCCUPATION OF SUDETEN AREA ONLY ISSUE LEFT

Czechs Make Concessions, Ask F. D. R. Be Conciliator if All Else Fails—Hitler Agrees to Plans.

REPORT AGREEMENT REACHED FROM SEPT. 29.—(AP)—THE AUTHORITATIVE FASCIST WRITER, VIRGINIO GAYDA, TONIGHT DECLARED "THE (MUNICH) MEETING OF PRIME MINISTERS OF EUROPE HAS CONCLUDED WITH A COMPLETE AGREEMENT WHICH CONSECRAATES THE GERMAN REICH AND GUARANTEES IT IMMEDIATE SATISFACTION."

GAYDA, WHO USUALLY REPORTS THE VIEWS OF HIGHEST FASCIST SOURCES, SAID THAT POLISH AND HUNGARIAN CLAIMS, FOR MINORITIES NOW WITHIN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT TONIGHT'S SESSION OF THE "BIG FOUR" IN MUNICH.

IN A DISPATCH FROM MUNICH TO IL GIORNALE D'ITALIA HE ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TO DIVIDE THE SUDETEN TERRITORY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA INTO FOUR ZONES TO BE OCCUPIED BY GERMAN GRADUALLY BY OCTOBER 10.

THE DISPATCH DECLARED THE FIRST PART OF THE TERRITORY WOULD BE OCCUPIED SATURDAY, THE DEADLINE PREVIOUSLY SET BY ADOLF HITLER FOR SATISFACTION OF HIS DEMANDS AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

MUNICH, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Informed German sources said tonight Reichsfuehrer Hitler agreed the German army would make only a "parade occupation" of the Eger and Tsch regions, extreme western Czechoslovakia, on October 1 and 2.

Other sections of the Sudetenland are to be occupied only gradually, these informants said, under the plan said to have been accepted by the Fuehrer in place of his original intention of having his armies march in Saturday with flags waving.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The Czechoslovak legation disclosed today Czechoslovakia suggested the whole Sudeten German issue be submitted to President Roosevelt if other efforts to solve it fail.

Prague Efforts Tenfold. The announcement, which gave details of further concessions by the Prague government to ease the Munich conference, stated "the Czechoslovak government submits completely to such a course in advance."

As an alternative to arbitration by President Roosevelt, it was suggested the question could be carried before an international conference.

MUNICH, Sept. 29.—(AP)—A German government spokesman said tonight the four-power Munich conference, seeking a new basis for European peace, had practically reached an agreement for a "token occupation" of the Sudetenland by the German army.

German circles indicated Adolf Hitler had agreed that only small detachments of his army should march into the Eger and Tsch regions of western Czechoslovakia Saturday and Sunday.

Gradual Occupation. This would symbolize his victory. The occupation would be extended gradually, Germans said, and the passing of all the Sudetenland under German sovereignty would be accomplished by October 10.

The German chancellor and the premiers of Britain, France and Italy suspended their second session of the day after nearly four hours of discussion and went to dinner at 8:20 p. m. (11:20 a. m. PST).

Resume Talks. They were expected to resume their talks about 10 p. m. (1 p. m. PST) with hopes that their parley, on (Continued on Page Eight.)

Pear Markets

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—(AP-USA)—Pears: 8 California, one New York, one Washington arrived, 19 on track. Oregon Bartlett 1463 boxes extra fancy \$1.90-2.05, average \$1.95, 1454 boxes No. 1, \$1.80-2.05, average \$1.88. California Bartlett 2734, \$1.80-2.75, average \$2.29. Bosc, 1161, \$1.70-2.00, average \$1.88.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(AP-USA)—Pears: 42 arrived, 15 California, 12 Oregon, 3 Washington, unloaded, 22 on track. California Bartlett 10,625 \$1.85-2.40, average \$2.13. Oregon Bartlett 1330 extra fancy \$1.65-2.00, average \$1.90. 1705 fancy \$1.70-95, average \$1.85. 720 No. 1, \$1.75-85, average \$1.79. Bosc 720 No. 1, \$1.90-2.35, average \$2.08. Anjou 520 unclassified \$1.25-75, average \$1.51.

Charleston Swept by Sudden Tornado, 25 Dead

Carolina Prepares for Hurricane



With a weather bureau warning of "severe tropical hurricane" approaching, stores and homes throughout North Carolina prepared for the storm. American Red Cross was rushing disaster officials into the area in advance of the storm. Above—Boards being nailed over the windows of a downtown Charleston tearoom.

PERJURY CHARGE EUGENE DISTRICT FACED BY WOMAN IN MURDER CASE

Discrepancy in Assault Story Basis—Nelson's Fate in Hands of Jury.

TOLEDO, Ore., Sept. 29.—(AP)—The first-degree murder case of Henry S. Nelson, Portland salesman, went to the jury at 11:30 a. m. today and immediately afterward Judge James Brand advised District Attorney L. G. English to file a perjury charge against Miss Lucille Coenbergh, Nelson's companion, and hold her for the grand jury.

The case reached the jury unexpectedly early because the defense waived final argument. Judge Brand instructed the jury for 1 1/2 hours.

The perjury charge would be based, the judge said, on discrepancies in Miss Coenbergh's testimony before the grand jury and during the trial.

She told the grand jury she had not been actually assaulted by Captain Richard Earle during the cruise that preceded the shooting on July 10; then testified in the trial that Earle had assaulted her and that Nelson's intervention saved her.

Judge Brand told the jury that Nelson's self-defense plea was flexible enough to cover shooting in defense either of himself or Miss Coenbergh but informed the jury that asserted attacks by Earle on Miss Coenbergh during the boat ride could not form a basis for a self-defense shooting; that it could bring in a verdict of first or second degree murder, of manslaughter or an acquittal.

Nelson, who shot Earle at Dupont bay, based his defense on the double plea of self-defense and insanity. The state concluded its final argument last night.

GAMBLING RAIDS HIT LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Reform Mayor Fletcher Bowron's new broom swept 41 gambling suspects into jail today in a stinging series of raids by police working directly out of his office.

Commanded to smash any type of vice or gambling operations in the city, special details of officers broke up two big dice games, a lottery and poker hangout, they reported.

Bowron, installed as mayor last Monday, after winning a recall election, turned over to police numerous telephone reports by citizens of underworld activities.

WALLACE FAVORS PROCESSING TAX FOR FARM BONUS

Kansas Farmers Told Foul Alternatives for 'Fair Share' of Income—War Would Hurt.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace urged today enactment of processing taxes to provide funds for subsidies to farmers.

Addressing a meeting of farmers in the heart of the winter wheat belt, the New Deal's agricultural chief advanced such taxes as an alternative to price-fixing proposals being advocated by some congressmen and others.

Processing taxes, he said, would provide a regular source of funds for payment of the subsidies authorized by the present law to give farmers their "fair share" of the national income.

Then, in a general discussion of the farm price question, he said there were four alternatives:

- 1. Continuation of the present program strengthened by processing taxes.
2. Government fixing of prices for farm products.
3. Establishment of a government monopoly of agriculture providing for stricter control of production and marketing.
4. Abandonment of all programs in favor of "cutthroat competition and return" to conditions that brought 1932.

Urging farmers to unite behind the first alternative, the secretary described price-fixing proposals as "soak-the-consumer, sink-the-farmer" plans which would collapse with "disastrous consequences for agriculture and business."

Taking cognizance of threats of war in Europe, Wallace said a military conflict, in the "pattern of 1914 should be repeated" would be "upsetting" to American agriculture.

"Eventually there would be war orders, rising prices, and a brief inflationary spree, followed by another long period of tragic depression," he said.

Although congress appropriated \$212,000,000 for farm payments next year, Wallace explained there was no regular source of revenue for such payments in the future. He proposed a processing tax of 30 cents a bushel on wheat.

"To processors and handlers, I would point out," he said, "that the bother of collecting the tax from the consumer and paying it to the government would be as nothing compared with the regimentation they would get under almost any price fixing scheme which might be adopted."

"To consumers, I would point out that a tax of 30 cents a bushel on wheat would mean only half a cent on a pound loaf of bread, and since the tax would be levied only when the price of wheat was less than party, would easily be absorbed in the retail price in such a way as to preserve the principle of 'fair exchange value.'"

At least two fuses were blown in the power line serving the Bailey Hill area and a transformer was said put out of commission at the Waiterville power plant. Telephone service at the Eugene police station was disrupted by a blown fuse and telephone company officials reported minor troubles in service in widely scattered portions of the city.

First aid crews from the fire department rushed to the home of Miss Epperly Homes, 25, just after the lightning, to render aid for shock. It was believed she had fainted as a result of shock at hearing the heavy thunder.

Rains of cloudburst proportions struck the Cottage Grove area, paralyzing traffic and putting approximately half the town's telephone wires out of commission. During a 20-minute period 1.6 inches of rain fell.

The framework of the Assembly of God church on Main street in Cottage Grove, temporarily erected while the building was being remodeled, collapsed during the storm.

His appointment as foreign minister in the cabinet shakeup of last May 28 was considered an indication Japan might follow a more moderate course with respect to the China war and relations with other powers.

His disagreement with the army over administration of the new China affairs board was considered the reason for his resignation.

Austrian General. LINZ, Germany, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Gen. Alfred Kraus, 76, one of the outstanding Austrian strategists in the World war, died of a paralytic stroke today in nearby Gelsen.

PWA Grant. WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The Public Works administration gave \$5,000,000 today to apply on a \$5,445,708 school building program.

DEWEY NOMINATED BY NEW YORK G.O.P. BY ACCLAMATION

Racket Busting Prosecutor Gubernatorial Choice—Oppose Political Relief, Urge Peace.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Thomas E. Dewey, Manhattan's 36-year-old racket busting prosecutor, was nominated by acclamation by the Republican state convention today as the party's candidate for governor.

The convention previously had adopted a platform built around District Attorney Dewey's record as prosecutor.

"The declaration of state policy contained a pledge for 'complete elimination' of 'the alliance between the underworld and certain forms of politics,' a system condemned as a 'menace.'"

The platform also includes a protest against the use of federal relief funds for "political purposes" and urges Republican congressmen to "do all in their power to keep this country at peace."

BASEBALL

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The Cubs completed a sweep of their all-important three-game series with the Pittsburgh Pirates today by mauling four pitchers for a 10 to 1 victory to climb a game and a half in front of the Cubs in the National league pennant race.

BOSTON, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The Boston Red Sox clinched second place in the American league today by beating Washington 13 to 5, making a dozen hits. Mike Higgins drove in seven of the Red Sox runs with two singles and a double.

Washington 5 9 0 Boston 13 15 1 Appleton, Weaver and Ferrell; Oertmueller and Peacock.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29.—(AP)—After taking the first game of a double header, 7 to 4, with a 13-hit blast, the New York Yankees were held to a 1 to 1 tie by the Athletics in the nightcap today. The second game was ended after five innings because of darkness.

Second game: R. H. E. New York 1 4 0 Philadelphia 1 6 2 Ruffing, Sundra and Glenn; Caster and Wagner.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Monte Pearson chalked up his 16th victory of the season today as the New York Yankees made better use of their 13 hits in defeating the Athletics 7 to 4 in the first game of today's double-header. Bob Johnson drove in three of the Athletics' runs.

(First game.) R. H. E. New York 7 13 1 Philadelphia 4 13 1 Pearson and Dickey; Reninger, D. Smith and Hayes.

Chicago 5 11 5 Cleveland 9 16 1 Rigney, Gabler and Sewell; Renshaw, Hudlin, Galehouse, Milner and Pyslak.

National. BROOKLYN, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Danny MacFayden hung up his 14th victory of the season as the Boston Bees nosed out the Brooklyn Dodgers 2 to 1 in the first game of a double-header today.

(First game.) R. H. E. Boston 2 6 2 MacFayden and Lopez; Hamlin, Pressnell and George, Hayworth, Campbell.

2nd game: R. H. E. Boston 5 11 5 Brooklyn 2 9 3 Pette, Erickson, Moran, Doll and Mueller; Tammis, Pressnell and Campbell.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The Giants exploded a three-run blast in the first inning and a six-run rally in the fourth today to trample the Phillies, 9 to 2, behind the eight-hit pitching of Cliff Melton.

R. H. E. Philadelphia 2 8 1 New York 9 13 2 Butcher, Hollingsworth and Atwood; Melton and Danning.

High Points of Czech Evacuation

MUNICH, Sept. 29.—(AP)—A German government spokesman said tonight the government heads of Germany, Britain, Italy and France had practically reached an agreement in their conference on the future of Czechoslovakia and means of assuring Europe's peace.

He said however, that one difficulty remained: The question of just how quickly and how far the Czechoslovak government must withdraw its troops from the Sudeten regions in order to satisfy German demands.

The spokesman said the outlook was fundamentally optimistic. He said two Czechoslovak envoys had arrived late in the afternoon so they might take back with them by air to Prague maps showing the exact plan for the Czechoslovak evacuation.

Other Czechoslovak concessions included: Agreement to supervision of the evacuation by an international commission together with the British legation of war veterans.

(Reichsfuehrer Hitler already had agreed to permit the British legion to do this.)

Agreement to "successive occupation" by British troops before the territory would be handed over to the Germans. The Czechoslovaks previously refused to accept this.

Agreement to "negotiations regarding demobilization of troops" from Sudeten German areas.

The Czechoslovaks refused, however, to evacuate territory or abandon fortifications before the following conditions were fulfilled:

- 1. Definition of the new frontier.
2. Exchange of Germanic and Czechoslovak populations.
3. Insurance of the integrity of the dismembered state in a new system of international guarantees.

The announcement concluded with this proposal: "If in such an advanced state of negotiations insuperable obstacles were to arise, the Czechoslovak government proposes the whole dispute should form the subject of an international conference or should be submitted for arbitration to President Roosevelt."

"The Czechoslovak government submits completely to such a course in advance."

Prague also agreed to accept a time limit not only for evacuation of the Sudeten area affected but also for final liquidation of the entire issue.

It set December 15 as that limit. Until now, Czechoslovakia had refused to agree to a time limit in any form and the British-French plan had not imposed one.

Chamberlain's new proposals to speed up the plan, however, were understood to have demanded a time limit.

SALEM, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin, urging Oregon attorneys to dedicate themselves toward restoration of respect for the constitution and laws of the state and nation, scored "racketeering overlord" of organized labor who "threatened the sovereignty of the state itself in the matter of law enforcement."

Speaking at the opening session today of the three-day convention of the Oregon state bar, the governor said the attorneys should prevent "certain minority groups" from "exempting themselves from the operation and application of the laws."

He said the recent roundup of labor terrorists resulted in 120 arrests for 233 crimes, 65 guilty pleas, 11 convictions and jail and prison sentences totaling 64 years.

Col. O. R. McGuire, Washington, D. C., chairman of the committee on administrative law of the American Bar association, said "we must modernize our machinery of government to carry the increased load of regulation and control and to preserve the rights of the individual."

F. M. Sercombe, Portland, state bar secretary, reported 3,059 members, who paid \$9,153 in dues during the year.

Tonight's sessions will include consideration of committee reports.

Baker Mine Re-Opens. BAKER, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Reopened with several months of several Baker county mines near Borne, which have produced gold over worth millions of dollars over a long period of years, was indicated today with the announcement that the Cracker Creek Gold Mining company had been completed and that the new corporation had acquired title to the properties.

HOMES TOPPLE IN TWINKLE OF EYE IN VICIOUS GALE

More Than 300 Injured and Historic City Welter of Wreckage—Torrent Falls

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 29.—(AP)—A tornado hit historic Charleston with sudden and vicious fury at about 8 a. m. today, killed at least 25 persons and injured probably 300 more in a welter of wreckage that was spotted throughout the city.

The sudden storm of not more than a minute's duration in any one place, was paced by a torrential downpour as it swept down with devastating destruction on various parts of the city.

Of the 25 reported killed, 15 were negroes. The dead were not immediately identified, except these four white persons:

Mrs. Ruth Mehrtens, 26; Irvin W. Mehrtens, 3; Miriam Zeigler, 14, and Floyd Bingley, 9, all of 25 Market street. They were killed when their house collapsed in the twinkling of an eye.

An emergency call was sent out from Roper Hospital, Charleston's largest, for all physicians to report there immediately as the injured were being brought there by every available conveyance.

Many of the city's history-steeped buildings were in ruins. St. Michael's Episcopal church, erected long before the Revolutionary war, was considerably damaged, as well as the old market place.

A negro baptist church in the heart of the city was demolished, but it was unoccupied at the time.

The roof of the city hall was blown away, and the Timrod Inn, a small hotel in the same vicinity, was badly damaged.

Charleston's beautiful Battery, a Mecca for tourists, was stripped of many fine old trees and debris littered its park.

In every direction, as far as the eye could see, there was a vision of unroofed buildings and other wreckage.

Manning J. Rubin, city editor of the Charleston Evening Post, said (Continued on Page Two.)

REPORT ON BRITISH LIFE PLEA FILED

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The state pardon advisory board completed its consideration today of the application of John and Coke Brito, convicted Siskiyou county slayers, for commutation of their sentences to life imprisonment.

The Brites case previously was before the advisory board and an unfavorable recommendation was returned. Since that time, however, the state supreme court recommended leniency.

They have been reprieved four times by the governor.

NAME GEN. ARNOLD AIR CORPS CHIEF

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt appointed Brig. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, pioneer military flier, chief of the air corps today.

Arnold's new rank is major-general. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover, who was killed last week in an air crash near Burbank, Cal.

Assistant air corps chief since January 11, 1936, Arnold became acting chief upon Westover's death. He has been a flier since 1911.

As the new assistant chief, Mr. Roosevelt selected Col. Walter G. Klinger, now chief of staff of the general headquarters air force, Langley field, Va.