

ANGLO-ITALIAN COAL DISPUTE BODES TROUBLE

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

John Bull's effort to make Signor Mussolini sing "Britannia Rules the Waves," as token of submission to the English embargo on German coal exports upon which Italy depends, has precipitated a quarrel which might have grave consequences, though not necessarily.

John found Il Duce in good voice, but instead of a song got a blunt protest and an intimation of possible reprisal. England's retort has been seizure of Italian colliers carrying German coal.

The resulting situation isn't nice. However, a knock-down fight would be so unprofitable for either party at this juncture of the European crisis that a settlement without broken heads would be logical.

Still, the matter certainly won't be settled without heartburnings. The British would appear to me to have an advantage whereby they can squeeze Italy rather badly.

Italy holds that this German coal is absolutely vital to Italian industry, public services and even the hearts of her homes. Rome gets a small satisfaction from the English assertion that the embargo is aimed wholly at Germany and isn't calculated to compel Italy to sell arms to Britain in exchange for Welsh coal.

In passing it is interesting to note that with the rapidly growing strength of her fighting machine England is asserting her position on the seas with a much greater degree of firmness and finality.

The story of this present extraordinary scrap unfolds like this:

The Italians have to call on the outside world for their coal. They have been depending on Germany for sixty per cent of this, the greater part of which has to be moved by sea. The other forty per cent of Italian coal has come from England, and with the war on there is no nearer alternative market than our own United States.

Now it is highly important to note that prior to February 29 England and Italy were engaged in trade negotiations. Both sides wanted to do business, but the British demanded that Italy sell them arms in exchange for coal and Mussolini declined to do this. He would sell other products, but not arms.

The point was, of course, that Il Duce was hewing close to his line of neutrality. He was taking no chances of causing Germany grave offense by providing Hitler's arch enemy with war materials.

On February 29 the English suddenly suspended trade negotiations. At the same time the British navy was ordered to halt all shipments of German coal consigned to Italy as from March 1.

This then is the position of the Anglo-Italian coal fight. The British appear to stand pat on their interpretation of international law. They undoubtedly expect that Mussolini will have to surrender in the long run. Italy is reported to be negotiating for three million tons of coal here in America but that can scarcely save the Italians from being squeezed very seriously if the British keep up the stoppage both from Germany and Wales.

One would expect the matter to be adjusted by some sort of "compromise."

PLANES TELEVIEW CITY OF NEW YORK IN RCA-NBC TEST

NEW YORK, March 7 (AP)—The city of New York was televiewed from an airplane yesterday afternoon in a pioneering attempt that lasted for 45 minutes with results regarded as fairly satisfactory.

The demonstration, marking the first time that a regular telecast had been picked up from an airplane, was made possible by a newly developed portable transmitter used two cameras. It was conducted by the Radio Corporation of America and the National Broadcasting company in cooperation with United Airlines.

Handicapped by a partly cloudy day and a certain amount of ground haze, the airplane views nevertheless were clear enough to enable spectators to identify points of interest. Particularly good were views of an accompanying plane, occupants of which saw their machine in action on a specially installed receiver aboard.

UNIT WILL GIVE DEMONSTRATION

The Bonanza-Langell Valley Home demonstration unit will hold an all-day meeting at the

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rection of Mrs. Henry Schmor and Mrs. Elmer DeBolt.

A stall, in aviation, is described as the loss of flying speed beyond the point of "stall."

CHURCH GROUP OFFERS WAFFLES

Members of the high school Christian Endeavor society are sponsoring a waffle supper Fri-

day evening in the basement of the First Christian church, corner of Ninth and Pine streets. Dinner will be served from 5:30 o'clock to 8 o'clock it was announced.

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