

Editorial Opinion Comment Bulletin

News Roundup

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NEWS FROM TURKEY

News comes from Turkey today that the Turkish press has unleashed an attack against German ambassador Franz Von Papen. There were widespread rumors that the government would ask for Von Papen's recall unless his activities were halted.

Specifically, these "obnoxious" activities consist of attempting to provoke a conflict between Turkey and Russia through "nazi propaganda and infection." The incident arose over circulars bearing the watermark of the German embassy press service, which reprinted an article from the Moscow newspaper Pravda, attacking the Turkish press. Informed sources said Von Papen reported the pamphlets were spread merely for the information of the public.

This incident involving Hitler's ace diplomat is more than slightly reminiscent of similar trouble which he encountered in the United States during World War. At that time he was expelled from this country for alleged sabotage activities and for creating labor trouble in the East in the form of strikes and malicious propaganda.

In spite of this fact, the Nazi regime still regards this man as its ablest diplomat. Proof of this statement is the fact that Hitler brought him out of retirement two years ago to send him to a doubtful Turkish ally.

His duties there were to keep Turkey in line with the German government diplomatically, and to try and open negotiations for a German-Turkish military alliance. Because of his vast experience and past successes in the field of diplomacy, the Germans felt confident that their ambassador would succeed.

Probably the greatest single blow that the Germans have faced in the field of diplomacy under the Nazi regime was the Anglo-Turkish treaty of a month ago, bringing Turkey directly in line with Germany's enemies. This treaty was made while Von Papen was still in Turkey promising his government a successful alliance. His failure to obtain this alliance, coupled with these recent Turkish attacks against him, may mark an abrupt end of the career of Franz Von Papen.

OPEN SEASON FOR INVESTIGATORS

Once again it's open season for investigators. From now until the time that Congress convenes the findings of the various congressional investigating committees will supply the editors of our news sheets with an ample supply of "filler." Some of it will be spectacular, most of it will be ordinary, and not a little of it will be indescribably stupid.

So fierce has the competition become in this field of political activity that for the moment at least Congressman Dies has been shunted to the inside pages. At present the House Inquiry into the Labor Relations Board is the center of attention. Thus far the testimony has been rather unspectacular, but we may expect more of fireworks in the future.

The present committee is the direct result of the efforts of critics of the Wagner act. Having failed in their attempts to bring the federal courts to take an active crusade against the NLRB, critics of the board have demanded investigation of the group.

The committee has been specifically asked to report on the following questions: 1. Has the labor board been fair and impartial between rival unions. 2. Has the Labor Relations Act increased or decreased labor disputes and employment. 3. Are changes in the act and in the personnel of the Labor Relations Board desirable to improve relations between employers and employees and between rival labor unions? 4. Has the board over-extended the area of its jurisdiction, through a too extended interpretation of "interstate commerce?"

Meanwhile we have a sneaking suspicion that Congressman Dies will not for long let himself be "out-sensationalized," and that forthcoming "revelations" of the voluble Texan will put him back on the front pages.

THE GRAF SPEE'S FLIGHT

Most noteworthy news on the European war, or wars, still concerns the German pocket battleship, Graf Spee, which is in the harbor

Sunday ponderings ..

... will women rule world?

Today is Sunday. Last night socially inclined students spent an evening presumably designed for dancing at the annual Mortar Board stunt. Following the custom since 1932, the affair based its appeal on the reversal idea, the Sadie Hawkins, the Leap Year or the girl-take-boy idea,—or whatever you want to call it.

It's not important that the campus social femininity has been plaguing its collective mind for a week in an effort to eke out a novel stunt with which to pester or please male companions. Nor is the fact important that the girls were minus the subtle camouflage of feminine indirection. Most important is the fact that the women had the guiding hand. Let's dedicate our Sunday ponderings to that problem, then.

Will women be able to rule the world? Is their place in the home? Should they have equality with the status of men? These and other questions seem important to our civilization's philosophers, and to us, even tho they necessarily must have been brought to light by the girl-take-boy ceremony last night.

Dr. William M. Marston, psychologist formerly of Harvard university, gives us this one: "Women will rule the nation 1,000 years from now. The next hundred years will see the beginning of an American matriarchy—a nation of amazons in the psychological rather than physical sense. In 500 years, there will be a serious sex battle. In 1,000 years, women will definitely rule this country." A writer of philosophical subjects, Will Durant, seems to have about the same idea in his "Mansions of Philosophy."

Being endowed with those characteristics universally accepted as male in the biological sense, naturally, we would hate to believe such authority. Deeper thought linked with observation at hand, however, seems to make it so. Women have begun revolting against the idea that they get what they want by being only feminine and appealing. They have begun advancing the frontiers of culture. It is they, in their clubs and homes today, who are interested in the new books, new plays, music, and art. Because of the leisure time, they seem to be the potential genius for a floundering American culture.

This genius is being groomed in the university. Last night was only one example.

Our feminine populace is now exerting itself assiduously to acquire these finer things from the college curriculum. Evidence for this fact may be obtained from observing the widespread interest in music, drama, paintings, and ideas. Why the libraries cannot meet the demands for books of heavy fiction, music appreciation, and literary criticism, to say nothing of the trouble the drug, the union, and the social fraternities are having with their feminine patrons and members occupying space for hours in the ecstasy of intense preoccupation with the printed page.

Girls have some time, to be sure, for clothes, cooking, football, and parties. But the first is only to give the men the benefit of good taste and beauty nicely joined, the second is to perfect the brilliant art of conversation, and football and parties are necessary for social intercourse for the sake of the hard working males.

It hurts, but it's true. Perhaps a little Sunday pondering might assist a solution—if one is needed.

of Montevideo trying to make sufficient repairs to get to a German port where she can be mended completely.

It will be foolhardy for the Graf Spee to try to run the very heavy blockade of British and French boats outside the harbor unless the atmosphere is extremely misty. It is doubtful that Germany can bring up enough ships to engage the British and French vessels successfully, permitting the Graf Spee to get away.

It is consequently reasonable to believe that Germany will play the wiser part if she allows the Graf Spee to be interned and tries to slip her out of port after she is repaired entirely and the concentration of hostile vessels around Montevideo disappears.

Activity near peak in state

Business activity in Nebraska is still within two points of the eight-year peak it reached following the declaration of war in September according to final November figures released by Prof. W. A.

Spurr, university economist. The combined index reading for November was 110.7, which is slightly above the October figure of 110 but below the 112.9 rating for September. The figures used by Professor Spurr are based on the period 1935-37 as being 100. Although still short of the 1939 peak of 132, business activity in Nebraska has steadily risen since the 1933 low with the exception of

the 1939 recession. The depression low was 73. The declaration of the European conflict boosted the index from 106.2 in August to the September high. Postal receipts decline. Bank debits and building construction were on the upturn in November while department store sales and postal receipts declined slightly.

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COLLEGE CAPERS
Ed Wittenberg

Spicy humor
got the Kansas State Kickapoo in hot water with its November issue. According to the K-State Collegian, Kickapoo editors were threatened with withdrawal of college support unless a clean-up were immediately forthcoming.

Encouraging
is the statement of a professor at Oregon State college who tells us that a student's success in college is not adequately measured by his grade point average. His definition of a successful student: "...not just one who is working for knowledge or grades, but one

who can adapt himself to all the situations in college. Social, moral and emotional adjustments are often more beneficial than scholastic honor."

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