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Eye For Eye

Germany Is Again Reminded England Is Not Polard

When the Graf Spee encountered an inferior British naval force off Uruguay, the Nazis got their first concrete notice that they were not new at war with Poland or Czechoslovakia or Austria...

Second notice has been served. The week-end Hitler launched the first of those great and terrifying air attacks which he has continually threatened. Large numbers of bombers roared over Scapa Flow where the British had been had been preparing training bombs...

As A Starter

Veteran, Like Power Lobby, Plead Widows & Orphans

The organized veterans of the World War have taken a leaf from the book of the G. A. R. and the vested interests. What they didn't have the gall to plead for themselves, they have asked in the name of the widows and orphans...

Manager Wanted

The Farmer One Goes Into Business For Himself

Jim Farley had an unlucky break yesterday on his "frank and without reservation" announcement for the Presidential nomination. Britain had just signed the last of the armistices...

Confession

This Protest Indicates Real Value Of Russia's Promises

Russia never intended to keep her promise that she was forming an alliance with Finland to help repel a Scandinavian defense pact which would violate the "peace treaty" just signed.

Roundabout

Doughton Points Out Real Weakness Of Hatch Act

Lining up against the amendments to the Hatch Act passed by the Senate, Representative Robert L. Doughton says: "I am opposed to any curbing of Federal or State employees in regard to exercising their right to vote as they see fit..."

The Peace Outlook

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON — Well-informed persons here find little in the European situation that points to a near peace. There is much to be feared. There is one can wish that there were a much prospect of getting it. More likely than not, it will be three or four years of war. That is the fear of those who are fairly close to some of the realities are such that it is difficult to see any other way out.

Letters to the Editor

City Trains For Business

Dear Sir: Success is a misnomer. The word itself is relative. One might even achieve success in bed, as a cripple, that is if he could control his mind, be happy and cheerful...

Side Glances

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Thinking Hittman Wants To Win

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The fundamental reality is that Great Britain and Germany have decided the world is not to be conquered by him. One or the other must go. One of the other must be a second-rate power. Neither, of course, will voluntarily accept that status. In one or the other will have the penalty of the victor and will have the penalty inflicted. Either Germany will be reorganized so that she will no longer menace the rest of Europe, or else the power of the British fleet will be broken and the empire will be divided up among Germany and her associated powers.

PHRENIUM WILL NOT ALLIANCE

When Hitler went into Czechoslovakia after making his promise to the world that he would not touch the Czechs...

CHAOS WILL PROBABLY BE THE OUTCOME

Hitler would hardly accept anything that would mean that he is under no pressure, but will have his superiority and probably will continue to be in it for another year.

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Who Taps Wires?

By Hugh S. Johnson. WASHINGTON.—Attorney General Jackson is standing loyally by the Senate resolution which is being used as a precedent to prevent wire-tapping in criminal cases by any Federal Bureau. In doing so he made it clear that Mr. Hoover opposed any such wire-tapping in FBI units ordered by a former Attorney General to use that method under close personal supervision.

Yet, in view of the too-wrong kicked up by Senator Norris' indictment of FBI, and the proposed Senate resolution for an investigation of wire tapping, this order may look like a retirement under fire from an evil practice in FBI.

Neither in Senator Norris' letter nor in the Senate resolution was there any intimation whatever or any complaint by anybody of any FBI invasion of civil rights by tapping wires. On the contrary, Senator Green has indicated that the Senate resolution implies any such thing and added: "As a matter of fact, this investigation into wire-tapping practice was partly the result of evidence uncovered by FBI in my state."

HOOPER HAS ALWAYS FOUGHT WIRE-TAPPING

Mr. Hoover has continuously protested and prevented wire-tapping. It is well known throughout FBI, that it is worth any agent's job to tap a wire in any case not specifically authorized by the chief himself and that has never been done except where the chief has been at stake or at the climax of the clean-up of some Dillinger-like bandit or racketeering gang.

That doesn't mean that plenty of wires have not been tapped by other departments of Federal Government, by state and local police, and in state political campaigns as the result of Senator Green in Rhode Island. Another case occurred in California in the bitter battle between the governor and the speaker of the California House. These and other instances and not any action of FBI, are responsible for the proposed Senate action.

HE INVESTIGATES CRIMINALS, NOT POLITICIANS

Yet, one of the catchphrases in the push to get Hoover out of his job is that he has better get him before he gets them. This is enough to make a good many big shots squirm and not suffer at the thought of J. Edgar walking the plank. It is like the old saying that you can worry all men and devils come to a single point—namely, "Better lie low! All is discovered."

FBI doesn't keep records on anybody but criminals, doesn't investigate anybody except on general or special orders and has never used trapping or wire tapping methods against either Congressmen or other public officials.

HIS RECORD CONTRASTS WITH THAT OF OTHERS

During the World War one very high official secretly got microphone in another's office and got into Woodrow Wilson's doghouse almost to the point of dismissal. During prohibition when all civil rights were violated by Federal enforcement officers, wire-tapping, chiefly practiced and upheld by the courts, an agent is said to have had his department elaborately cross-wired when he was handling billions in P.W.A. It used to be a rule in Wall Street during the negotiation of big deals never to telephone anything about them except by a public booth or your own office. Astute criminals in many states and all big cities were telephonic from any place that could be tapped. The great prosecutor, Tom Dewey, might not like to get a going-over from any Senate Committee on wire-tapping and something to do with current developments on this subject.

In such a state of affairs, Mr. Hoover's record of continuous opposition to such practices is remarkable. I think he is so far in the clear that he will need no strengthening him. But in such a political year as this a steaming up to be fairness is apt to take a holiday.

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From One Hole To Another, Eh?

(Belmont Grove Item, Transylvania Times)

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow McCall have moved from this community. To Auger's section. Mr. McCall is engaged in lumbering.

Expecting, A. A. (North Wilkesboro Hunter)

"A A. A. stunts" is making preparations to do with the not only has done in cat Wilkesboro and add three more.

"Perhaps, it wasn't shoes you were looking for in the first place?—Maybe a hat or something?"

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