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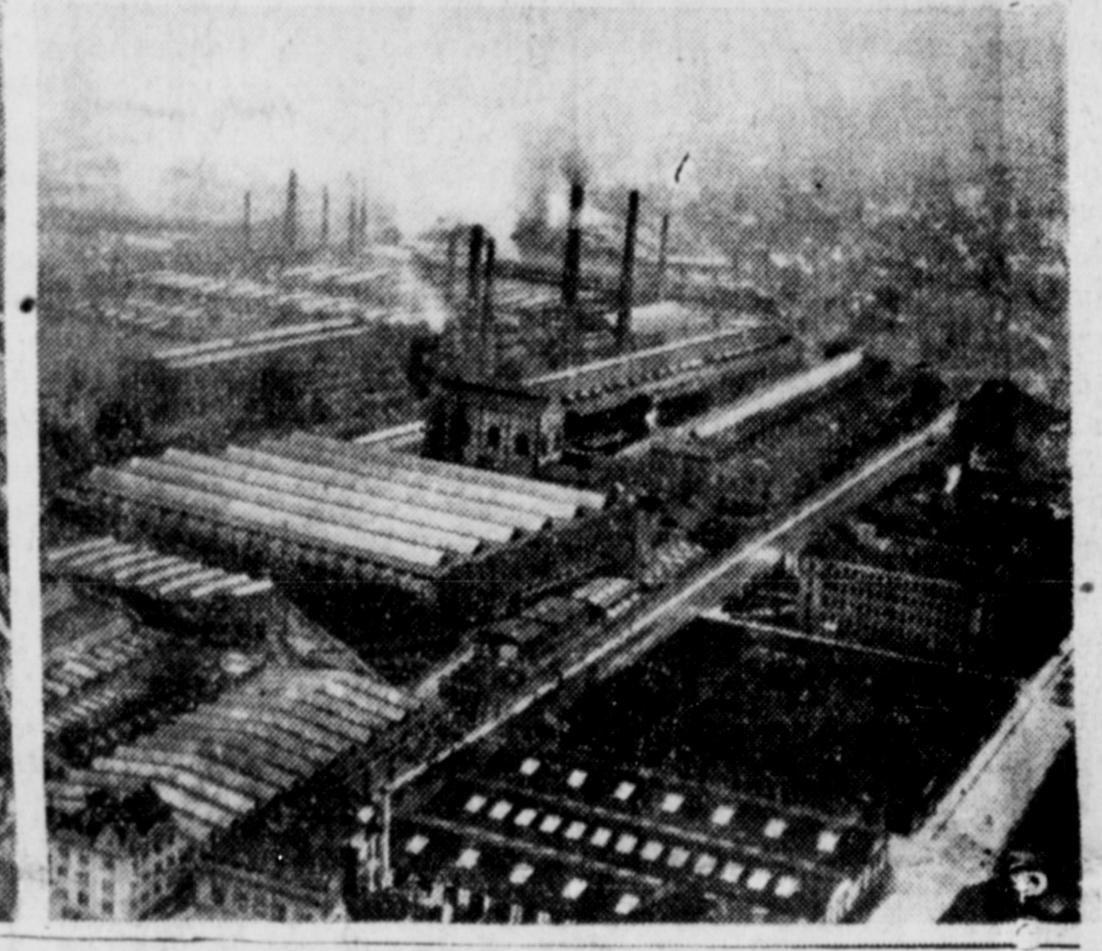
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LOVAKIA DEFIES NAZI THREATS AGAINST DEMOCRACY









Czecho-Slovakia, the "lone wolf" democracy of Central Europe, is swiftly becoming surrounded by Fascist countries as Chancellor Hitler and Premier Mussolini extend domination of the Central European nations. The president of Czecho-Slovakia (inset) is strongly opposing Fascist dictators. Above map shows the perilous position of Czecho-Slovakia in relation the Fascist countries. To meet this this threat these sturdy Czecho-Slovakian warriors (above) stand back of their countrie's announced purpose of remaining a democracy in face of the rising tide of Fascism in Europe. One of the reasons for this countries importance in Europe's shaking politics is the huge Skota munitions plant at Pilsen. Lower right, the Czech government controls the plant, which in the last year exended \$500,000,000 credit to embattled China.

OCK FALL KILLS FOUR

gedy Yesterday in Teck-Hughes Mine at Kirkland Lake, Ontario

IRKLAND LAKE, Ont., March (CP)—Four miners are believed have been killed instantly yesday in a rockslide in Teckghes mine at a depth of 3900 underground yesterday. It will two days at least before the dies can be reached.

Today's Weather (Government "elegraphs)

-Cloudy, calm, tempera-

lyansh—Foggy, calm, 38. lice Arm—Cloudy, calm, 36. stewart—Cloudy, calm, 31.

irns Lake-Snowing, calm, 30.

farties, being formed in view + of War Paul Boncour. ergency of war.

INSURGENTS ABOUT TO WIN SPANISH WAR, IT NOW SEEMS APPARENT

Government Forces Are in Full Retreat as Rebels Near Mediterranean Coast-Premier Negrin Seeks Aid From France

REBELS HALTED TODAY

HENDAYE, France, March 16: (CP)-Stubborn resistance by the government brought General Francisco's swift drive to the Mediterranean Sea to an abrupt | fend them." halt today. Earlier the insurgents had pushed beyond Alcaniz to a point only thirty-five miles from the Mediterranean in their drive to divide loyalist Spain in two.

LONDON, March 16: (CP)-It seems evident that) Hazelton—Part cloudy, calm, 31.

Smithers—Partly sloudy, calm, 34. war. Government troops were in full retreat last night war. Government troops were in full retreat last night war. before 100,000 rebel soldiers. The insurgents were in control of the main highway between Barcelona and Val-+ encia. After having advanced sixty miles during the past week, they were less than thirty

+ Paris yesterday by airplane and anrounced there that the government, LONDON, March 16: (CP) - + of Spain could not hold out much olitical circles have been dis- + longer unless given immediate and

It is generally believed, + ing into Spain during the past few strength of Great Britain now con- bia. tion Libert Labor and Oppo- + days, are far in excss of the insur- sisted of 169 squadrons of which 123 on Liberals would not enter + gents' requirements, it is said. Par- were at home. The first line air government with Prime Min- 4 is fears they might be used against force consisted of from 1500 to 1750 Young Men's Section of the Calgary hster Neville Chamberlain un- France in the event of a war over planes. Sir Thomas Inskip, minis- Board of Trade will present a mem-* ents in Austria is believed to the city

on the Prince Rupert this morning The funeral of Thora Marie have been the cause of the cause of the cause of the the cause • just recently arrived in Spain.

miles from the Mediterranean coast. Premier Juan Negrin travelled to BRITISH AIR

ew national government, in- + council later went into session with der Secretary for Air, giving statis- vince in February. Premier T. D. ding representatives of all + Premier Leon Blum and Minister tics of British air strength in Parthe grave European situa- • German and Italian troops, pour-'planes

ITALIANS ALARMED

Mussolini Assures Chamber of Deputies He Can Defend Their Frontiers

ROME, March 16.—Benito Mussolini promised his people today that Pan-German expansion never would penetrate Italian frontiers but at the same time he pronounced his benediction on Hitler's absorption of Austria.

"Our frontiers are sacred," he told the Chamber of Deputies. "We will not discuss them. We will de-

It was the Premier's reply to The government advocated that themselves as being opposed to didoubts of his own people who were; the Dominion assume full resalarmed over extension of the Ger- ponsibility for unemployment reman state to the Brenner Pass lief. old age pensions and gateway between Austria and Italy.

Rowell Royal Commission Opens its British Columbia Sessions Today

VICTORIA, March 16: (CP)—The Rowell Royal Commission on federal-provincial relations arrived here yesterday and opened its sessions today. It has been recessed Ussing the possibilities of a + substantial aid. The French war LONDON, March 16: (CP)—Un- since sessions in the Maritime Prosenting important representations

Unify Prairies

CALGARY, March 16: (CP)—The

BULLETINS

RUSSIA'S PLAN REVEALED MOSCOW-Asked how Russia would go about giving aid to Czecho-Slovakia in the event of an attack by Hitler on that country, a Soviet official said path through Poland if necessary. Czecho-Slovakia does not atually border on Russia.

MUSSOLINI'S SPEECH ROME-Premier Benito Mussolini, who has been ominously silent in regard to developments of the last few days in Central Europe, is expected to make some cist Chamber of Deputies today

BRITAIN WORRIED

WHY HITLER RETURNED BERLIN - A German army source said today that Adolf Berlin because he had received word that Poland had presented an ultimatum to Lithuania expiring today. Details of the ultimatum are not known but it is

believed to be based on a frontier clash on March 11 for which Poland is demanding satisfaction. There have been reports BILL IS Lithuania but official circles in Warsaw emphasize that Poland rejects any such idea.

B. C.'s CASE

VICTORIA— Enlargement of

provincial financial powers, notably predominance in the income tax field, and blanket re venue - raising authority were proposed by the British Colum bia government today at the opening session of the Rowell royal commission on Dominion-

provincial financial relations i meaking yesterday, expressed mother's allowances as well as power to enact wages and hours | tend the grounds for divorce i and unemployment insurance leg. Canada to cruelty, desertion, in islation. The government brief, anity and moral depravity on th said the Canadian National or part of the man. Canadian Pacific should absort

FREIGHTER IS SAFE

the Pacific Great Eastern.

VANCOUVER - The British freighter Queen Adelaide messages that she has reached shelter in Trevor Channel on the west coast of Vancouver Island after battling an easterly gale for two hours with crippled steering gear. Bound from San Francsico to Port Alberni, the vessel earlier wirelessed an "S O. S." saying she was unmanage able five miles southwest of Cape Beale and was being driven shoreward. The Pacific Salvage tugs Snohomish and Salvage King have returnned to Victoria

Moscow And Paris Make Joint Plans For Line of Action in Event of Hitler Making Another Move-German and Italian Attack From South Envisioned

Spain And Czecho-Slovakia Are

Considered Sparks Which May

Czechs To Be

+ minority in that country.

Measure to Make Divorce Easier

In Canada Not Favored By

All Senators

OTTAWA, March 16: (CP)-The

bill introduced in the Senate by

enator Lendrum McMeans of

'ivorce is meeting with consider-

ble opposition. Some senators

Force altogether. Others looked

with disfavor upon making it eas:

Senator McMeans' bill would ex-

r to obtain divorces.

Left Alone? ‡

Kindle European War Explosion.

PARIS, March 16: (CP)—France and Russia agreed today that both would fight to defend Czecho-Slovakia if she is attacked. Incorporation of Czecho-Slovakia's 3,500,000 Germans may be the next move in Chancellor Adolf Hitler's Pan-Germanism drive, it is feared. Both that the Soviet would make a France and the Soviet plan to rush fighting and bombing

planes to Czecho-Slovakia if Hitler resorts to force to achieve this ob-

· jective, informed sources say. Meanwhile Premier Leon Blum dispatched an urgent appeal to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain to join him in immediate attempts * to bring about a Spanish armistice. At the same time Blum requested LONDON, March 16: (CP) - Britain to take concerted action statement in regard to the Ger- + Any active steps by Germany + with France to ward off the danger man-Austrian union and other + in connection with the Nazi + which he declared a great number matters in an address he is | minority in Czecho-Slovakia of Italian and German troops in inabout to deliver before the Fas- | is considered unlikely until surgent ranks constituted for Brit-+ such time as the Reich has + ish and French communications in consolidated her extended po- the Mediterranean.

+ sition in Austria. Meantime, + The European situation is con-LONDON-Great Britain is de- | Czecho-Slovakia has received * sidered in French official circles tofinitely worried about military & fresh assurances from France + day to be "definitely dangerous." alliance between Italy and Ger | and Russia that she may ex- the utmost care being necessary if many and its consequences. Such | + pect military assistance from + an explosion is to be avoided. Aman agreement may have already | both those countries in the ev- bassadors to various European capbeen reached, it is thought by | + ent of any enroachment by + itals have been recalled to discuss

+ Germany. France will resist + the situation. + even peaceful Nazification of +, While the Czecho-Slovakian ques-+ Czecho-Slovakia. The Nazi + tion still causes deep concern, more + leader startled the Czecho- + immediate interest today crystal-+ Slovakian Parliament yester- + lized on Spain where the insurgents Hitler returned hurriedly to | day with a virtual demand that + are trying to divide the government + the Praha government comply + portion of the country into two + with German demands in re- + parts.

+ gard to rights of the German + So serious is the situation con-+ sidered that France has mobilized * 70,000 troops on the Spanish border as a precaution against possible attempt of Germany and Italy to invade France from that quarter in the event of trouble over Czecho-Slovakia. The supreme national defense council has been called to meet in a few days.

> The possibility of France having to occupy a large portion of Spain until Italy leaves the Balearic Islands is also being considered.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, March 16: (CP)-'innipeg to widen the grounds of Wheat was trading today at \$1.291/2 on the local exchange.

FUNERAL TODAY

Funeral of the late James Mairs, ged 89, who died earlier in the week, took place this afternoon from the chapel of B. C. Undertakers to Fairview Cemetery with nternational Bible Students' Asociation rites. There was quite a arge assemblage of friends.

Tornado Sweeps Southern States

Sixteen Are Killed and Widespread & Damage is Done as Result of High Wind

ATLANTA, Georgia, March 16: * VIENNA, Mar. 16: (CP)-Maj. * (CP)—Seven southern states were & Dr. Emil Fey, one time vice- & swept by a tornado last night. & chancellor of Austria during & Widespread damage was done and . the regime of the assassinated . at least sixteen are reported killed. & Chancellor Englebert Dolfuss, & Ilinois. Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, + was found dead today together + Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia & with his wife and son. He is & were affected.

Funeral Notice

Czecno-slovakian enclosed of Thora Marie A have bee Germany. Thirty thousand Ger- that this time next year Britain mission at its Alberta Session urg- from Vancouver where he went in Johnson will take place tomorrow A rash act. Germany. Thirty thousand have would have 1750 new fighting ing unification of the three prairie company with the remains of his Thursday, at 2 p.m. from the B. C. F.

Is Suicide In Vienna

. • believed to have killed his wife • * and son and then taken his * ♣ own life. Despair at recent ev- ♣ + ents in Austria is believed to +