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## 30 MILLIONS UNDER ARMS PERIL PEACE

Huge Forces Are Held in Readiness by Europe If Strife Comes.

LEAGUE FACES GRIEF

Crisis Impends as World Leaders Prepare to Meet in Geneva.

By William Philip Simms  
Scripture-Howard Foreign Editor  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—With 30,000,000 men already under arms and more being trained every day, and in the face of a world which again is talking of another war virtually as an assured thing, representatives of the United States and League of Nations will meet next week at Geneva, to see what, if anything, can be done to head off the danger.

The league assembly last month considered the situation too strained to risk setting a specific date for an arms conference. It did instruct its preparatory commission, charged with arranging for such conference, however, to meet on Nov. 6 and make a survey.

But today such is the mood in which Europe and the rest of the globe face itself, that fear is expressed openly that little, if any practical good can come of the meeting.

**Armies Are Huge**

The main difficulty is not with the fleets, but with the armies and the air forces.

Total naval personnel of all the five principal sea powers number less than 380,000 men, whereas the standing armies of these same countries add up to about 1,700,000 men, not counting trained reserves.

According to the records, France heads the list with a standing army totaling 607,000 soldiers. Russia is second, with 565,000; Italy third, with 360,000, and Britain a close fourth, with 345,000.

Poland comes fifth, with 255,000, and Japan sixth, with 200,000. Rumania and Switzerland are, respectively, seventh and eighth, with the United States and Czechoslovakia practically tying for ninth place, with about 130,000 men.

**Millions Are Trained**

These figures, however, give little idea of the real story. With the exception of America, Britain and Germany, all the principal powers have colossal numbers of conscripts, trained reserves, so many that, as indicated above, all the nations combined could throw upward of 30,000,000 drilled soldiers into the field very soon after mobilization.

It is this titanic problem that the American and other delegations will tackle next week at Geneva. They are going to try to report to the league, and to America, how it may be solved.

And though it is not believed that the technical side of it offers any insurmountable obstacle, it is feared that, given the present hectic state of the world, the leading powers will not want to disarm. Fearing war, most of them will prefer to wait and see.

**Mussolini Waves Sword**

As if the outlook were not black enough already, Dictator Mussolini has chosen this week to explode with another fighting speech predicting war.

Germany Fascists continue to threaten the treaty of Versailles, to restore Germany's pre-war frontiers. France is building the greatest chain of military defenses along her eastern borders the world ever has seen, and Russia again is fulminating against the capitalist powers.

Poland, Austria, Yugoslavia, Hungary and the rest are involved in the general unrest, and Britain is afraid for India, Egypt and her far-flung interests.

The United States, it seems, will be the only great, comparatively uninvolved power represented at Geneva.

**CONSTITUTION VOTING CHANGE IS PROTESTED**

Board Overrules Group's Objections to Use of Machines.

Futile protest against using voting machines to register constitution convention voters at next week's election was filed with Marion county election commissioners Wednesday by a group of persons opposed to calling the convention.

The group was headed by the Rev. George B. Smith, 2331 Ashland avenue, who declared election laws specifically require use of separate paper ballots.

W. W. Spencer and Fred C. Gause, members of the state board of election commissioners, said today counties having voting machines have the right to use them for registering the convention vote instead of paper ballots.

**SPEEDING OF TRACK WORK TO BE ASKED**

Enterprise Civic League to Seek Action on Elevation.

Hastening of the track elevation program in vicinity of Morris and Harding streets and Oliver and Kentucky avenues will be sought of city officials by members of the Enterprise Civic League of West Indianapolis.

Speakers at the association meeting Wednesday night at the Rhodius park community house urged members to seek immediate action. Two hundred and fifty persons attended the meeting.

**KOKOMO, Ind., Oct. 30.**—The Howard county council in special session voted \$40,000 as additional funds for poor relief. Nearly \$70,000 has already been spent this year.

## Jimmy Gets a Nice Grandpa, Right Out of the Grab Bag

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—Jimmy was just 7 years old. "And what, Jimmy, do you want for your birthday?" asked his wealthy father, who shall remain anonymous here, for the sake of all concerned.

"I want a grandpa," replied Jimmy, sadly.

"A w-what?"

"A grandpa, a grandpa that's old and has got

white hair and tell stories about wars and fighting bears and every other kid in the neighborhood has got a grandpa, daddy, why can't I have one, too?"

It was a big order, but Jimmy's daddy had to do something about it, because, well, he was that kind of a dad.

After tucking Jimmy in bed, he and Jimmy's mother went to the abandoned jail where many of Chicago's destitute sleep.

There they picked a kindly looking old man, with whiskers to suit and bright blue eyes. They explained the proposition. He gladly accepted. So Jimmy's daddy took the old man to a barber shop to get his beard trimmed, then to a clothier for an outfit suitable for a retired and dignified gentleman who likes to tell stories about war and bears and things.

So when Jimmy came down to breakfast the next morning, there was the grandest grandpa he could want. The old man has a good home for the winter, perhaps for life, and Jimmy—he's the happiest child in Chicago. The reason? Let Jimmy tell it:

"My grandpa, he's w-wonderful. He almost got killed by an Indian with a tomahawk! Gosh!"

## RITA'S NOT A VAMP

Screen Siren Really Isn't Siren



Rita La Roy

By Dan Thomas  
NEA Staff Writer  
HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 30.—Why must men always consider her as the character she portrays on the silver screen?

Why can't they see behind that makeup into her real self?

Why must she take precedence over all else?

Why are those terrible tales circulated about her?

Those are the things Rita La Roy wants to know. They are the things about Hollywood that puzzle her—and annoy her.

Rita has been around Hollywood about a year and a half now. And during that time she has become one of our most successful screen sirens. Or that there's no doubt.

BUT out of makeup and out of character, Rita is so very, very different. Then she is herself, the girl who never knew a moment of happiness until eight years ago, when she ran away from a Canadian orphanage and walked to the United States.

In this country she got a job as a waitress in a cheap cafe. This was the girl whose father beat her terribly, until she finally had him jailed; the girl who milked cows, fed pigs, and did other chores on a ranch; the girl who has had to battle for everything and yet holds no hard feelings toward any one; the girl who wants only happiness.

In real life Rita is an athlete and a home lover. She gets a kick out of cooking and even out of washing dishes.

She loves anything with an element of danger in it. The first time she was in an airplane until studio officials forced her to stop that Rita's real life.

**LINKS MAKE MONEY**

\$16,506 Profit Shown on Six City Courses.

Miniature golf boosted profits of six municipal golf courses during the summer, it was indicated in a report today to the park board by A. C. Sallee, superintendent, who revealed the courses showed a profit of \$16,506 up to Oct. 1.

Three of the courses, Coffin, Sarah Shank and Douglas, showed losses, but earnings at Riverside, South Grove and Pleasant Run overbalanced the losses.

This is the second time in the city's golf history that the courses have earned money, Sallee said. A profit of \$5,604 was shown in 1928, he said.

South Grove led the courses in total earnings with a profit of \$9,399.24 and Riverside was second with \$7,675.24. Day tickets sold this year totaled 166,850 as compared with 156,425 last year.

**Boys to Show Corn**

FARMLAND, Ind. Oct. 30.—The Randolph county 4-H Club corn show, which is being sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce, will be held here Nov. 6, 7 and 8. Eighty boys entered the club last spring and were given certified seed for one acre of corn. Each boy will exhibit the best ears grown on his acre. Complete production records have been kept and yields checked and computed. C. E. Troger, Lafayette corn grower, will act as judge.

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In the meantime, Judge Hamilton turned over in his mind the name of Rutledge, and suddenly recalled that he had issued a bench warrant for the arrest of the bridegroom on a charge of stealing chickens.

Ft. Wayne authorities were notified and Rutledge was arrested. He is in jail here unable to provide \$2,000 bond pending trial on a larceny charge.

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## LAND NOT HIS, BUILDER FINDS

Apartments Erected on Site Fraudulently Sold.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—B. M. Bernman faced today the problem of finding a way to keep a \$125,000 apartment building which he had, through no error of his own, erected on another man's property.

Attorneys agreed that the landlord, Ralph W. Sallstrom, who spent two years in California and returned to find the building on the lot he had thought was vacant, could claim the house on a "finder's keepers" principle.

When the Sallstrom family left California in 1928, the estate was put in charge of a real estate company. Fred L. Padden, a clerk in the company, according to the charges, arranged with Attorney Richard Donovan and two other men to "sell" the land, taking advantage of the fact that Padden's employer had not seen Sallstrom.

John P. Moran, said to be a police character, posed as Sallstrom, the attorneys charge, and the land was sold to Bernman for \$10,000, the real estate company collecting a \$500 commission in the belief the transaction was legal.

Since the apartment house was erected without the owner's knowledge, about it, Sallstrom's attorneys contended today that it would revert to the estate and that Bernman can't even move it without Sallstrom's consent.

**WORLD-FAMOUS TINY PAINTING IS STOLEN**

Museum Visitor Sought in Loss of \$35,000 Work of Art.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—One of the finest small paintings in the world—Honore Daumiere's "The Print Collectors"—was the object today of a police search throughout the city.

The painting, valued at \$35,000, was stolen mysteriously by a visitor looking at the exhibition at the museum of modern art.

The painting is only eight inches long and six inches wide.

**LICENSE TO WED LED YOUTH TO JAIL CELL**

Judge, at Bluffton Recalled Warrant in Chicken Theft Case.

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## PLEAS HEARD FOR PARDONS AND PAROLES

State Prison Trustees Open Quarterly Meeting With 118 Applications.

By United Press  
MICHIGAN CITY Ind., Oct. 30.—The cry of "hard times" prevailed at the regular quarterly meeting of the state prison pardon and parole board today as hundreds of friends and relatives of inmates pleaded clemency he given prisoners.

Applications for paroles, pardons and commutations of sentences had been filed by 118 prisoners, including thirty-six sentenced for life terms. Tonight the prison trustees will sit as a pardon board and hear the pleas of nearly seventy-five inmates.

In the majority of the cases heard today, freedom was asked for the applicants in order that they might obtain work and care for their families.

**Doctor Asks Release**

Included in the list of life convicts who had asked for freedom was Dr. Nelson Ross, convicted in Delaware county on a charge of murder. He was found guilty on Oct. 28, 1909, of having shot and killed Dean Linder, an interurban car conductor, because of an argument over a 10-cent fare.

The Muncie doctor has made repeated attempts to obtain freedom. According to the evidence, Dr. Ross, a man of violent temper, boarded a car without having bought a ticket, and objected when Linder attempted to charge him an extra fare of 10 cents. He was temporarily paroled once, but failed to report at the appointed time.

Another "lifer," whose application was before the board, was Ed McCoy, also from Delaware county, who was convicted in 1917 on a charge of murdering Frank Butler, Negro. He escaped jail, but was recaptured in May, 1919, and sent to prison. Police believed at the time of the shooting that he had mistaken Butler for James Lee, Negro, whom he had threatened.

**Gangster Seeks Pardon**

Johnny O'Reilly, Chicago gangster, also was represented in a plea for a pardon. He was one of the three men tried for the murder of Attorney Thaddeus Gancher of Crown Point, in the Cedar Lake holdup in 1924. O'Reilly was a pal of Frankie McErlane and Alexander McCabe, both of Chicago, who also were tried for the slaying. McErlane was acquitted, as was McCabe. After two previous juries had heard the case, one disagreeing and the other returning a verdict of guilty, O'Reilly was given a life sentence.

Edward Kraft, Ft. Wayne sportsman, applied to the board for a parole. He was sentenced to prison a few months ago after an unsuccessful appeal to the Indiana supreme court and a plea to Governor Harry G. Leslie for an executive pardon. Kraft was sentenced Dec. 8, 1926, to from one to ten years, on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. He was charged with driving his auto into a bicycle rider on a Ft. Wayne street during a fog, causing the rider's death.

**SENTENCE SUSPENDED IN CAR CRASH CASE**

Charles Martz, Arrested in Courtroom, Is Shown Leniency.

On his promise to pay a \$25 repair bill on the auto with which his borrowed machine collided, Charles Martz, 21, of 223 North Temple avenue, was leniency in municipal court Wednesday.

A \$25 fine, costs and ten-day jail sentence was suspended two hours after Judge Paul C. Welter pronounced judgment, when Martz agreed to payment of the bill and was placed on probation.

Following the crash, Martz had given the name of the youth from whom he had borrowed the car, instead of his own name. It was Martz' first offense.

**Love Suit Seeks \$5,000**

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Oct. 30.—Rolland Patterson, defendant in a divorce suit filed by Mrs. Ella Patterson, seeks \$5,000 damages in a suit against Jess D. Goodlin, alleging he alienated her affections. Mrs. Patterson alleges cruelty as a ground for divorce.

**EX-CONVICT GIVEN MILLION, PARDON**

Absolute Decree Granted So He May Leave U. S. to Collect.

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**MAN WANTED PRISON TERM**

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 30.—Gerald Baker, 34, Chicago, told Judge Thomas W. Slick in federal court here that he deliberately violated the Dyer automobile theft act so he would be sent to prison, where he would receive treatment for a condition of senility, following slaying of his throat by a fellow convict in the Illinois state prison. Baker was given a one-year sentence, and Judge Slick promised recommendation of immediate treatment.

## First Apartment Building in City Is in Wreckers' Hands



Structure Was Magnet for Thongs After Erection in 1875.

The days of one-horse shays, milk at 5 cents a quart and the song "In the Good Old Summertime," echoed today to the clang of wreckers' crowbars as the city's first apartment building was razed at 1713-1727 English avenue.

It was erected in 1875 by William O. Rockwood and John Cavin, former mayor of Indianapolis.

Two years ago building inspectors declared the structure uninhabitable. Its windowlights broken, cobwebs in its attic, plaster crumbling, it stood forlorn, with a black tomcat as its only frequenter, while on the north side and over the city, that once was a town, eight and ten-story apartments reared their heads to the skies.

**Rented for \$10 Monthly**

"And when it was built by my grandfather and Mayor Cavin the apartments with their six rooms rented for \$10 a month, and the apartment houses of today rent for eight and ten times that amount," declared William M. Rockwood, secretary-treasurer of the Rockwood Manufacturing Company, and grandson of the builder.

"A brickyard where our company's offices stand now, 1800 English avenue, furnished the brick for this apartment house. It cost about \$15,000 in those days, but later it couldn't be built for \$40,000 or \$50,000," Rockwood said.

Expensive walnut and poplar form the interiors of the eight apartments of the antiquated structure singing its swan song.

**Apartments in Tier Style**

The apartments were built in tier style, with two rooms to each floor and a center stairway separating the rooms on the three floors.

English avenue then was at the edge of town and my grandfather's apartment house became a curiosity that all came to see," Rockwood said.

The structure is being razed by the Capital City Wrecking Company. Dunlop & Holtegel, realtors in charge of the property, say it is owned by Mrs. Parthenia N. Witt, widow of New York City, former resident of Indianapolis.

"We're just tearing it down because the walls are getting dangerous. We have no plan for the debris of the property," the realty firm said.

**GERMAN AIR GIANT READY FOR U. S. HOP**

12-Motored Flying Boat DOX to Start Atlantic Trip This Week If Weather Is Favorable.

By United Press  
FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, Oct. 30.—Favorable weather was awaited today for the start of one of the greatest experiments in aviation—the trans-Atlantic flight of the giant flying boat DOX, first heavier-than-air machine believed able to maintain a schedule, carrying a profitable load, and fly with certainty between Europe and North America.

Maurice Dornier, a director of the company which built the DOX, said that it was hoped to start the flight to Lisbon Friday or Saturday. The flying boat will be shown to other European nations on route to Portugal, for it will fly north to Amsterdam, and then turn south to visit England and France before landing in Lisbon harbor.

The red-tiled roofs of Lisbon will be left behind as the great ship starts west toward the Azores, then over the long ocean hop to Bermuda, and on to New York. Officials were satisfied today that the DOX was in perfect condition to attempt the long and dangerous flight.

Tentative plans were that the flying boat would be piloted by a former United States naval ace, Lieutenant C. H. (Dutch) Schildhauer, whose titles are navigation officer and pilot. Schildhauer will be guiding a virtual liner of the air. Its comforts are said to exceed those of Graf Zeppelin and the giant British dirigibles, for a smoking room and a bar will be provided for the 100 or more passengers which the DOX is able to accommodate.

A German war ace and captain in the merchant marine, Captain F. Christiansen, will be in command of the DOX. Long experience in navigating ships through the sea and the sky qualify him for the position.

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## JOBS FOR 300 IN STATE NEXT WEEK PLEDGED

\$1,000,000 to Be Spent on Construction of Crude Oil Pipe Line.

WORK TO TAKE MONTH

Big Refinery May Be Built Near City When Link Is Completed.

Three hundred men will be employed in Indiana next week to lay the state section of the crude oil pipe line of the Gulf Pipe Line Company of Pennsylvania that will result in the expenditure of \$1,000,000 in the state within the next few months.

Announcement that three groups of laborers will start work next week in various sections of Indiana was made today by J. H. Dalton, supervisor of right-of-way for the company, subsidiary of the Gulf Oil Corporation of Pittsburgh.

The line, which is ten inches in diameter and through which 35,000 barrels of crude oil will run daily, crosses Indiana, passing near Greenwood, south of Indianapolis. The trunk line will terminate at Dublin, Ind., fifty miles east of Indianapolis. From there a ten-inch line will run to Lima, O., and an eight-inch branch to Cincinnati.

**Starts Near Tulsa**

The line originates in oil fields near Tulsa, Okla., and will be extended from Lima to Toledo and later to Pittsburgh, Dalton said.

The line enters Indiana near Terre Haute and takes a northeast path across the state, ending at Dublin, where the other lines branch.

At Dublin, six 80,000-barrel capacity tanks, to which the line will be connected, already are under construction on an eighty-eight-acre tract purchased by Dalton. Dublin will be the principal terminal for the line in Indiana.

The line will be laid at a minimum depth of twenty-four inches below the ground and crosses rivers, roads and railroads at right angles.

**May Build Refinery**

He stated there was a possibility of the company erecting a large refinery near Indianapolis, following operation of the line for a period and a survey of the needs of the company in this section of the state. Refineries already are under construction at Cincinnati and Toledo, he said.

The investment represented by the line when it finally is piped into Pittsburgh will be about \$50,000,000, Dalton declared.

In crossing Indiana, Dalton has purchased right of way on farms, averaging sections thirty feet wide. The pipe will be laid at a minimum depth of twenty-four inches below the ground and crosses rivers, roads and railroads at right angles.

**Work Starts Next Week**

Work of one crew will start on the line at Dublin next week. Another crew, will be employed at Greenwood, also working southwest, and a third at the Illinois-Indiana line, working northeast.

The distance of the line from Dublin to the Illinois-Indiana line is approximately 133 miles and additional mileage is added for the branches to the Indiana-Ohio border from Dublin.

Dalton said the working crews will lay an average of one and one-half miles of pipe daily in Indiana and the job will be completed for operation within a month.