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"We are ready at any moment to encounter trouble.... The capitalists are preparing war against us," declared Voroshilov, People's Commissar for Defence and Marshal of the Soviet Union, addressing units of the Red Army during the manœuvres near Kiev yesterday, states a Reuter Moscow message.

The Daily Express is seeking to discover where the sympathies of the British public would be in the event of a Russo-German war.

Readers have followed for the past ten days the accounts in the Daily Express of the gathering tension between the land of the Soviets and the Nazi Reich. Both Germany and Russia have been flinging furious insults across the frontiers. And the rough words have been accompanied by a drastic speed-up in the arms programme of both Powers.

If the worst should happen, and war break out between Russia and Germany, on which side would your sympathies lie?

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WOMEN REFUSE TO LEAVE HUSBANDS IN BATTERED ALCAZAR FORT

'They Have Had Their Chance,' Say Besiegers

RESCUE ARMY IS NEARER

KARL VON WIEGAND, most distinguished of American correspondents, sent the first uncensored account from Toledo last night of the famous Alcazar siege.

Insurgent armies fighting to break through to Toledo and rescue their comrades, now claim to be 15 miles from the town.

By KARL VON WIEGAND
TOLEDO, Wednesday.

ABOUT 400 SPANISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE CHOSEN TO STAY TO THE LAST WITH THEIR FATHERS, HUSBANDS, AND BROTHERS WHO COMPOSE THE GALLANT LITTLE GARRISON NOW UNDERGOING THEIR 61ST DAY OF SIEGE IN THE HISTORIC ALCAZAR FORTRESS HERE.

Reports that the women are held against their will are untrue.

They have, each woman for herself, decided to die with their menfolk if it comes to the "last stand."

That is the information brought out of the subterranean regions of the Alcazar by three deserters from the Alcazar garrison who slipped out to the Government lines.

Of course, the Government are not giving out this information, and the censors would not pass it, but my evidence comes directly from officers of the besieging forces who interrogated the deserters.

Not Starved

Two of the deserters have been sent to Madrid. The third is still here in Toledo.

The officers who questioned the deserters said that none of the three looked starved. In fact, "one looked rather fat." They had a peculiar pallor due to nearly eight weeks of life in the sunless underground tunnels and vaults which lie two and three storeys beneath the floor of the Alcazar.

The three deserters, it was said by the officers, did not confirm the story given out by the Government, following the sending of a priest into the Alcazar vaults, that the garrison was on the verge of starvation.

1,800 Imprisoned

The deserters declared that in all there were 1,800 persons in the Alcazar. Fourteen hundred were infantry cadets, officers of the Toledo garrison and infantry school, and civil guards, the famous constabulary of Spain. The rest were women and children.

There was food, chiefly horse and mule meat, and a considerable quantity of wheat, which would last at least another two weeks. A motor-cycle engine, they related, was being used to turn a grinder which roughly milled the wheat.

Casualties of the garrison, said the three deserters, had been extraordinarily low — not quite averaging one dead a day since the beginning of the siege.

Colonel Moscardo, commander of the Alcazar defenders, had put

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FRANCE CLAIMS £4,000 FOR SHOT MAN

PARIS, Wednesday.

FRANCE has demanded an apology and a £4,000 indemnity for the execution of a French subject, Henri Aguilard, by the insurgents in Spanish Morocco.

The Note in which the demand is made to the Tetuan authorities threatens the closing of the frontier between the French and Spanish zones.

Aguilard, a 24-year-old welder, was arrested when the revolt began. It is alleged that he was shot without trial.—Reuter.

'SPY' ARREST

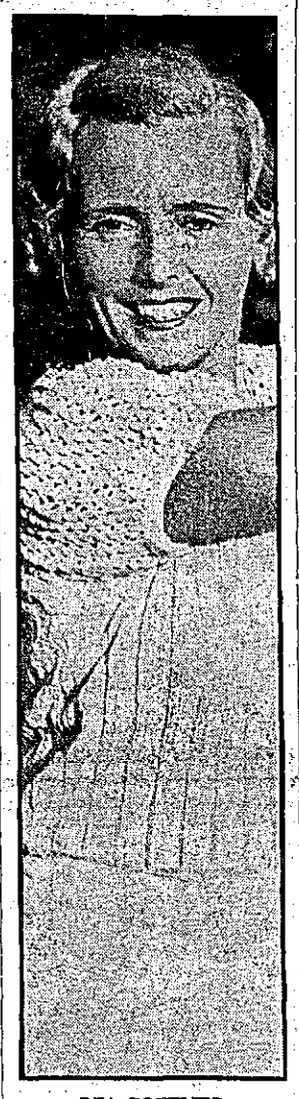
VALENCIA, Wednesday.—A German subject has been arrested at Valencia (Mediterranean port in Government hands) on a charge of espionage.

Seven other men—all Spaniards—were detained late tonight by Senor Atadel, Socialist police chief, who yesterday claimed to have discovered a plot against the lives of Government leaders in Madrid.—Reuter and BUP.

SHRIEKS AT WEDDING

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—Film actor Henry Fonda, former husband of Miss Margaret Sullavan, was married in New York today to Mrs George T. Brokaw, widow of a wealthy sportsman. Hundreds of women shrieked "Hello, Henry" to their favourite, attempted to break the police cordon to shake hands with him.—BUP.

Famous Golf Girl Attacked



BEA GOTTLIEB,
the American woman golfer. Carey Thelan, proprietor of a Long Island seaside café, was accused yesterday of assaulting her, released on £200 bail. In 1933, when Miss Gottlieb visited England, she beat King Edward, then Prince of Wales, in a 36-hole match, won a box of golf balls from him.

60 mph Escape

Train Cuts Through Cart At Crossing

A 60 mph Leeds-Hull express train crashed into a horse-drawn cart at a level crossing between Selby and Hemingborough yesterday.

The train pulled up, was found to be undamaged.

The engine driver ran back and found—

The driver of the cart, Richard Wilson, safe on one side of the line.

The horse standing unperturbed and quite safe on the other side of the line.

And over the line was strewn the wreckage of the cart.

Poisoned—An Hour Before Wedding

An hour before he was due to be married at Slaithwaite Parish Church, near Huddersfield, Yorks, yesterday, Jack Garside, aged 28, of Hollins Glen, Linthwaite, was found in a field near his home suffering from ammonia poisoning. He was last night in Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, very ill.

His fiancée, Miss Lucie Allen, of Slaithwaite, visited the infirmary last evening.

LETTERS IN HANDBAG: BLACKMAIL ALLEGED

A YOUNG married woman's letters that vanished from a car on a lonely road near Winchester led to a blackmail charge against a man at Winchester yesterday.

Ronald Leslie Winter, aged 27, of Eastgate St, Winchester, was committed for trial on charges of demanding money with menaces from the woman and of stealing a handbag.

The woman said she left her handbag in the car. When she returned the bag had gone.

It contained her wedding ring, and letters which were of a character that she would not want them read by another person.

Later she received a letter signed "ZYZ," which suggested that the letters were indiscreet, but they would be returned to her for ten £1 notes, old and unmarked.

She informed the police and Winter was arrested.

ARCTIC HERO AND 29 MEN LOST AT SEA

Dr Jean Baptiste Charcot, aged 69, famous Polar explorer, known as the "Shackleton of France," and 29 members of the French Greenland expedition perished yesterday when their ship, the Pourquoi-pas (449 tons), was wrecked in a storm off the Iceland coast.

There was only one survivor.

News is contained in an official message received by the Greenland department of the Danish Government.

Bodies of 30 of the party, including that of Dr Charcot, were washed up, states a Reuter Copenhagen message.

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MP Puts Out In Lifeboat

Rescues Yacht Party

Daily Express Staff Reporter

A cook, two parlourmaids and a deckhand went cruising in the Solent last night in the eight-ton motor yacht Sydia, owned by their employer, Mr H. Brickwood, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight.

At 11 o'clock the Bembridge lifeboat put out, with Captain Derrick Gunston, MP for Thornbury, Gloucs, as a volunteer member of the crew, and rescued them from the Admiralty fort, Horse Sand, in the Solent. They had reached the fort in a dingby after abandoning the yacht, which was water-logged by heavy seas.

The four servants, Audrey Ferguson and Ellen Brackstone, both parlourmaids, Mrs Parkinson, cook, and deckhand Thomas were brought back to Bembridge in the lifeboat early this morning.

British Liner In Hurricane Battle

Daily Express Staff Reporter

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

The British liner Orduna (15,707 tons), of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, was battling in a tropical hurricane in the South Atlantic tonight, according to weather reports reaching Mobile, Alabama, from the ship.

She passed through the centre of the storm about midday.

The Orduna left Nassau, West Indies, for Liverpool on September 13, with between 300 and 400 passengers.

Stars Sob At Bier

World famous film stars were in tears at Hollywood funeral yesterday of Irving Thalberg. Film city stopped work in homage. Grace Moore sang a requiem and broke down weeping.

Story is told on Page 13.

Lady Chesham has filed divorce petition against husband she married 21 years ago. Their son, Hon J. C. C. Cavendish, is 20. Lady Chesham, successful punter feared by bookmakers, is greyhound owner.

Man Found Shot In London Street

Early today police were inquiring into the shooting in Gt Arthur St, EC, of James Clarke, aged 45, of Essex St, Islington.

He was wounded in the left wrist. A man in a motor-car was seen examining a sporting gun. It is believed that the gun was fired accidentally.

Mollison Plans Great Air Gamble

USA TO LONDON, THEN TO THE CAPE

Daily Express Staff Reporter

AIRMAN Jim Mollison sails for New York this afternoon aboard the liner Paris to undertake the greatest personal gamble in the history of record-breaking aviation.

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BLAZING GIRL IN THEATRE

Crowded audience at Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, last night saw young girl with her dress in flames fall screaming out of a box into dress circle below. She is thought to be member of wedding party. Police will not divulge name. Girl rushed to hospital.

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