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MANCHESTER — A CITY OF VILLAGE CHARM
MANCHESTER, CONN., TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1938
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WEATHER
Forecast of U. S. Weather Bureau,
Hartford
Fair with slight rising tempera-
ture tonight. Wednesday increasing
cloudiness with rising temperature
followed by rain.

AUSTRIA IS NOW REICH STATE

FASCIST ARMY RAVAGES SPAIN, LOYALISTS SAY

Madrid, March 15.—(AP)—An-
cient Spain is being devastated, a
government communiqué said to-
day, by a 20th century Italian army.
Describing the Spanish Insurgent
march eastward toward the Mediter-
ranean, the government itself told of
artillery and motorized columns and
bombing planes sweeping through
the ancient land that once was part
of the Roman empire.
Italian troops and German and
Italian planes took part in the in-
surgent capture yesterday of Alca-
zar in eastern Spain, 45 miles
from the Mediterranean, the govern-
ment declared. While the troops
struck directly against the city, the
planes spread death and confusion
over a dozen coastal towns. Almost
hourly the planes swung along the
main Barcelona-Valencia highway
now become the "most dangerous
250-mile stretch for government
convoy."

Refugees in Caves
No car along the heavily con-
gested road within the past three
days escaped attack, and motorists
frequently deserted their cars and
jumped into roadside ditches until
danger was past.
Civilians found one refuge in Tar-
ragona, outside Barcelona, in an
ancient Roman caves which still form
a part of the picturesque town
architecture and the foundation for
modern structures.
Rosa Tortosa suffered particularly
heavy damage from the aerial
raiders who today dispersed their
efforts to protecting the infantry ad-
vance from Alcazar, designed to cut
into Catalonia from the remainder of
government territory.
Should this advance be unchecked
as it enters eastern Catalonia, the
insurgents would carry their front
into Catalonia which hitherto has
been untouched by the war except
for aerial raids over many of its
coastal cities.
The shortest route to the sea lies
along the old Roman road built 25
centuries ago across mountains and
deep ravines. The Ebro river, the
greatest river in Spain, would play
an important defensive role in the
advance straight eastward along the
coast.

Government Says Little
The brevity of government com-
munications since Sunday accentuated
the gravity of the situation, follow-
ing the insurgent break-through at
Belchite in one of the greatest ad-
vances.

SENATE IS SPLIT OVER TVA PROBE

Norris Does Not Want Sen.
Bridges in Group Because
Of His Many Criticisms.

Washington, March 15.—(AP)—
Senate discussion of the proposed
investigation of the Tennessee Val-
ley Authority branched off today
into an argument whether Senator
Bridges (R-Miss.) should serve on the
inquiry committee.
Senator Norris (Ind-Rep.) called
on the young New Englander to
eliminate himself from consideration.
He said Bridges, as the Sen-
ate's most vociferous critic of the
TVA, and shown himself to be
prejudiced.
Norris said he himself would not
serve, because of his known interest
in the welfare of TVA.
Bridges countered with the state-
ment that he wanted a thorough in-
vestigation and that he hoped he
would be appointed as the commit-
tee's Republican member.
Under a resolution which Norris
introduced yesterday, the committee
would be composed of five Senators
appointed by Vice President Garner.
They would have \$50,000 to spend
and would be directed to investigate
all phases of TVA's work, plus the
leg court fight made against the
authority by private utility inter-
ests.

Changes His Stand
"Norris forsook" his earlier stand
to a Federal Trade Commission in-
quiry to offer the resolution. Prior
to that Bridges had appeared mem-
ber of committee membership. How-
ever, Senator King (D-Ill.) was
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As Nazi Austria Hails Hitler



Whenever Chancellor Hitler, Fuehrer now of Germany and Austria both, appeared publicly in the Austrian city of Linz, he got an enthusiastic reception of "Heils" and Nazi salutes. In the photo above, dug, ten miles from Linz, which he visited following a day's postponement of his entry into Vienna.

TAXPAYERS WIN RULING IN BIG WATERBURY SUIT

Judge Inglis Denies The Mo-
tion For Citizens To Post
Bonds In \$600,000 Legal
Action Against D. J. Leary

Hartford, March 15.—(AP)—
Waterbury taxpayers won their first
triumph today in connection with
their \$600,000 civil suit to recover
for alleged overpayments by ex-
cessive tax collector Daniel J. Leary.
Superior Court Judge Ernest A.
Inglis has handed down a decision
at Middletown denying a motion by
an outside party, Francis Peterson,
to require the taxpayer as plaintiff to
post a bond. The decision was expected
to be handed down today.
In effect Peterson moved for a
bond to guarantee him against pos-
sible losses on stock he is described
as having recently bought from
Leary, pending a temporary in-
junction issued Feb. 21 by Judge In-
glis which restrains transfer of the
stock.
Attorneys cannot recall a motion
of this nature having ever been
filed before.
Details revealed
The papers in the motion appear-
ingly reveal for the first time an
assertion that 4,000 shares of stock
of Diamond Ginger Ale Inc., Water-
bury, were sold by Leary to Peter-
son. Early this year Leary sold to
Peterson 1,187 shares of Waterbury
Trust Co. stock, the plaintiffs in
the suit, securing thereby a broad
injunction restraining its transfer,
without standing in Leary's or
Peterson's name.
As a part of said injunction,
Peterson's motion says, "There was
also enjoined the transfer of 4,000
shares of stock of Diamond Ginger
Ale Inc., which stock was then owned
by your applicant (Peterson)."
He contends a grave injury has
been done him, and that failure to
eliminate himself from considera-
tion would be bringing further injury
to himself. Attorney McNeill urged
that the court should not be asked
to entertain a motion of this nature
until the facts are ascertained.
Peterson's answer
In answer to the plaintiff's attor-
neys, George H. Cohen and Norman
Cohen of Hartford, asserted in their
briefs that Peterson, "without sub-
jecting himself to the jurisdiction
of this court and without appear-
ing within this jurisdiction, post-
poned for fear that he did appear as
a party to the suit."
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SEADLUND'S TRIAL ON IN CHICAGO

Kidnaper Of Charles Ross
Brought To Court And
Identified By Witness.

Chicago, March 15.—(AP)—The
test of five ransom notes and the
testimony of two women served to-
day as the preliminary legal frame-
work which Federal prosecutors
hoped would support a demand that
John Henry Seadlund be put to
death.
Seadlund, once a Minnesota hum-
bly, is charged with kidnaping the
\$50,000 ransom kidnaping of
Charles E. Ross, 27, retired Chicago
manufacturer who was slain while a
prisoner.
The trial became merely a
formality to comply with Federal
law which provides that the death
penalty must be imposed by a jury
of twelve men.
Mrs. Mae C. Ross and Miss Flo-
rence Fruehauf, the victim's wife
and former secretary, respectively,
testified at the trial's opening ses-
sion.
Identified Ransom Notes
Mrs. Ross identified ransom notes
and four maps of the city of Chicago
which were taken at a hideout
near Emily, Minn., where Seadlund
Gray, said Ross a prisoner. They
were used by the kidnapers during
negotiations for the ransom.
Miss Fruehauf testified she was
in Chicago with Ross when he was
kidnaped on Feb. 25, 1937 after a dinner
engagement at Sycamore, Ill., when
his car was stopped by two men
one of the men waved a gun and
forced Ross to the other car.
Miss Fruehauf stepped from the
seizure stand, approached Seadlund
with a leveled forefinger and said:
"That is the man there."
The prisoner, manacled to deputy
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UNREST IN WORLD STIRS FILIPINOS

President Quezon Declares
Question Of Independence
Should Be Re-examined.

Manila, March 15.—(AP)—Pres-
ident Manuel Quezon today agreed
with High Commissioner Paul V.
McNutt that the question of Philip-
pine independence should be re-ex-
amined in the light of recent de-
velopments.
The dapper executive, who has
advocated immediate independence,
conferred after listening to a broad
cast from Washington, D. C., in
which McNutt urged that Ameri-
can sovereignty should remain in
effect.
Under the Tydings-McDuffie Act,
the Philippines are guaranteed inde-
pendence by 1946. McNutt asked
immediate co-operation of Filipino
leaders and Americans in a "realis-
tic re-examination of their long-
range interests and our own."
Quezon agreed and our own.
He stipulated that the Phil-
ippines should be left "a free state"
in the final determination.
During a trip to the United States
last year, he created a political
furore here by advocating immediate
independence for the islands, accom-
panied by economic guarantees.
Dumey Over Japan
But McNutt's vigorous address
predicted the Philippines would
become "bloody ground and pill-
age" if they were to be a free state
in the center of war within war for a
generation," gave pause to Phil-
ipino, some of whom are uneasy
over Japan's tactics in China.
The immediate result of McNutt's
speech was a rise in gold stocks
here, and the expression of one busi-
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The Bargain Hound

Starting at once — effective
with this week's column —
"The Bargain Hound" will be
directed by Mrs. Harold
R. Burr. Written in a new
and entirely different style
we believe you will like it.
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JAPANESE CALL MAJOR FIGHTING IN CHINA OVER

Shanghai, March 15.—(AP)—
Shanghaikuan, Japanese minister-
at-large stationed in Shanghai, said
today the "open door" in China
would remain open after the present
conflict was settled. Tani said in
an interview.
"Japan would grant
equal opportunity to the United
States and other friendly powers to
participate in the reconstruction of
China as soon as possible."
"Major fighting is finished, re-
construction will begin," he said.
"This Japan will prove to the world
by her actions that declarations
setting out her aims in the Orient
pledging equality of treatment
were not mere words."
Americans, he said, were doing
business as usual in Japanese-oc-
cupied North China and had no re-
servation to be apprehensive in central
China.
Tani promised to investigate re-
fusal of Japanese authorities to per-
mit Yangtze Valley stations, but said
the refusal probably was because
the station premises were required
temporarily to house troops.
The military front remained con-
fined, but Japanese army spokesmen
today claimed that Japanese in-
fantry were south of the river in
their attack upon the Longhai rail-
way.
Japanese reported the Chinese
fiercely attacking the Yangtze
at all points along the river,
as well as concentrating planes at
Tungkuwan, across the river from
the southwestern point of Shans
Province.
Heavy artillery fire continued in
the Tungkuwan area, but without
Japanese claimed the capture of the
first Russian aviator since the
conflict started.
A Chinese plane raiding Wuhu on
the Yangtze was shot down in a dog
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The Bargain Hound

120 Passenger Airplane Possible, Says Designer

Farmingdale, N. Y., March 15.—
A total of 18,000 horsepower, could
be built easily to fly non-stop
between the United States and Europe.
The bridge of the ship and the
huge, twin fuselages would be sup-
ported by a permit flying in the
stratosphere.
For the first time in the history
of commercial aviation, passenger
aircraft would be built in the wings,
at points, would be nine feet
thick, and when necessary would be
streamlined into the edge of the
wing.
The huge craft would float on re-
tractable pontoons, which in flight
would be drawn up beside the fusel-
age. On landing and takeoffs the
pontoons would hold the ship's wing
22 feet above water.
De Severyn, Russian-trained de-
signer of pursuit planes now used
widely by the U. S. Navy and Coast
Guard, said the trans-Atlantic plane
could, in time of national emergency
be turned into a dreadnaught of the
air.
"It could carry a bomb load of
20,000 pounds non-stop for 12,000
miles at 300 miles an hour," he said.
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HITLER IN ADDRESS CALLS IT "OUTPOST OF GERMAN NATION"

Austrian Minister To U. S. Turns Over Post To Germany

Washington, March 15.—(AP)—
Edgar Prochnik, Austrian minister
to the United States, and members
of his legation staff were under in-
structions from Berlin today to
place themselves at the disposal of
Soviet and German Embassies.
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