

The Importation of Hitlerites into South Africa

Steel Workers Arrive with Poisonous Nazi Propaganda

AMAZING incidents on board the German East Africa liner *Usambara* are reported to have taken place by the non-German passengers on board the vessel.

The ship arrived in Capetown on Wednesday carrying among the passengers, thirty Germans all of whom had contracts with the Union Government for employment in the Government steel-works.

The *Rand Daily Mail*, in its issue of Wednesday, published a striking account by a correspondent of *Reuter* of extraordinary incidents which took place on board during its voyage to this country.

Outside of the criticism against the employment of Germans for work in this country, much indignation was aroused among the passengers

at the daily demonstrations which were held throughout the voyage in favour of Hitlerism.

The German steel-workers were in possession of large quantities of Hitlerite literature. Meetings in support of the Hitler regime were held nightly in the first-class saloon, to which all the passengers were invited.

On the night of November 9th, a great demonstration was held and speeches were made by several of the passengers. Literature was distributed by those present.

“HEIL, HITLER!”

HERE are some of the extracts of the speeches made on that occasion:—

“None but Germans who believe in German *kultur* and the common destiny of all Germans shall enjoy the rights of a citizens of the State.

“The immigration of Jews and other parasitic aliens will be stopped, and undesirable aliens and Jews will be deported.

“Jews from Galicia and Poland in the past had flocked like vermin into Germany. Though there was a great dearth of houses they were soon well housed, while Germans had to creep into holes.

“We demand the exclusion of Jews and all non-Germans from all responsible positions in public life. Compromise is utterly inadmissible.”

“The foregoing were but a few of the utterances,” the passenger said. “It was ‘Heil Hitler’ from morning to night.”

South Africans and Englishmen on the ship were very indignant at the whole affair and expressed their disgust in no uncertain manner. It was realised that the ship's officers had a difficult task and tribute was paid to them for their handling—as carefully as was possible—a most difficult and delicate situation.

“Grey-Shirt” Leader Polls Few Votes

NEWs to hand from Durban on Wednesday gave the result of the Umbilo by-election for the Provincial Assembly, (caused by the death of Colonel R. T. McArthur) as follows:

D. C. Burnside (Labour)	1,459
H. P. Borlase (S.A.P.)	1,282
E. Ashburner (Prov. Party)	678
H. H. S. Dold (Ind.)	53
Majority	177

It will thus be seen that the “Grey-Shirt” movement has very few supporters in Natal.

“THUNDER BELOW” AT THE PLAZA.

One of the screen's most fascinating actresses, Tallulah Bankhead, is starring in the picture “Thunder Below” at the Plaza this week. Tallulah has a host of followers amongst film fans all over the world. A further attraction at the Plaza is the excellent feature entitled “Our Fighting Navy,” which gives many sidelights of that wonderful force of brave sailors.

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MARIE DRESSLER AT THE METRO.

The great talkie at the Metro this week, entitled “Prosperity,” will introduce Marie Dressler and Polly Moran as battling mothers-in-law. The film is full of “high spots” of comedy and culminates in a scene in which Miss Dressler and Miss Moran break up the formal wedding party of their respective son and daughter.

Marie Dressler is to-day undoubtedly the greatest character actress on the screen. With the assistance of Polly Moran and a star cast, “Prosperity” should attract a large audience to the Metro.

“THE GHOUL” AT THE COLOSSEUM.

Those who admire thrilling films on the screen are not likely to miss “The Ghoul,” in which Boris Karloff appears, assisted by a host of eminent artists. Although a “shocker,” the film story is tinged with love, laughter and adventure. The Colosseum Symphony Orchestra is appearing in “Plantation Melodies,” and a further attraction is a popular Mick Mouse cartoon.

Obituary

Miss L. BENTEL (Boksburg).

The death took place in tragic circumstances on Tuesday of Miss Leah Bentel (elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Bentel, sen., of Boksburg North). Miss Bentel was being driven to work by her cousin, Miss L. Brodie, when another car travelling in the opposite direction collided with Miss Brodie's car. The machine turned completely over and the occupants were pinned underneath. Miss Bentel's injuries proved fatal.

The deceased, who was only 19, was a girl of a fine temperament, loved by all who knew her. An enthusiastic sports-woman, she took a great interest in swimming and tennis. She was an ardent member of the Executive of the Hatechiya movement of Boksburg and Boksburg North, and was always ready to help in this or any other cause when called upon.

At the funeral, which took place on Tuesday at the Boksburg Cemetery, the esteem which the people had for Leah Bentel was shown by the large crowd present. Rev. J. Chaitowitz, of the Boksburg North Synagogue, conducted prayers at the graveside. The Hatechiya members were present to pay their last respects to one of their most popular members.