

LLOYD GEORGE FORESAW THE CRISIS OF THE ALLIES



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(EVEN IN WAR, BRITAIN ALLOWS CRITICISM)

RIPPED out in the white heat of daily journalism, the virulent attacks of David Lloyd George on the blunders that put the Allies in their war crisis have not made, but foretold history. He tried to warn England that Hitlerism would slash the British lion unmercifully unless the lion sharpened both claws and wits.

Welshman Lloyd George conquered poverty, rose to become a masterful lawyer, and then a social reform member of Parliament. He was victorious in World War I; as Prime Minister he dynamized Britain to the mighty effort that stopped the Kaiser.

Writing passionately for victory in World War II, Lloyd George has given the readers of the *London Express* pungent lessons in democracy. Only in England or America could such criticism of the government have existed. In this country United Features syndicated the war-seasoned ex-premier's forthright analysis of political and military operations and shrewd appraisals of European leaders.

Too significant to be tossed away with yesterday's newspaper are Lloyd George's prophecies of trouble ahead. That is why **CLICK** has secured for its readers the exclusive picture magazine rights to the words-in-wartime of David Lloyd George. What you are about to read is History Foretold—

By David Lloyd George

It is just over twenty-one years ago that France and Britain signed the armistice with Germany which brought to an end the bloodiest war in history. They are now fighting essentially the



**Victory Premier of 1918,
Lloyd George knows his facts**

same struggle. Germany is again the aggressor. Once more it is a fight for international right—the recognition of the equal rights of nations, weak as well as strong, to lead their own independent lives as long as they do not interfere with the rights of their neighbors.

In Britain there is no sense of despondency but a grim if somewhat sullen determination to go through with it. I may also add that I have not seen any indications of doubt in any minds

that, however long the struggle may last, we shall be as successful in our challenge to universal despotism as we were in our fights with Philip of Spain, Louis XIV, Napoleon and the Kaiser.

The smaller countries are in a dangerous position, like harmless pedestrians who have the worst of a furious dog fight raging around them. They are bitten and bleed very badly, but they cannot get out of the way.

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Finland came out of her epic struggle with her banner waving proudly in the Arctic storms. Those who came worst out of the business are the European democracies. Their hesitations and procrastinations were worse than ever. They never at any time raised the flag of liberty above half-mast.

It is no use keeping up the pretense that things are going well for the democratic cause. We are suffering not from one blunder, but from a series of incredible botcheries. It is a deplorable tale of incompetence and stupidity. But I have seen worse situations converted into victory by courage and prompt action.



MUNICH was a disastrous failure. It was not a conference in any sense of the term. Chamberlain was frightened by a scowling, gesticulating dictator. So was Premier Daladier.



MR. CHURCHILL is not responsible for either the diplomacy or lack of preparation that landed us in our predicament. He is a very much abler man than his predecessor in office.



IN THREE weeks Poland was prostrate. She never had a fighting chance from the start. The skies over that doomed country were conquered within the first two days by an air fleet ten times as powerful as her own. The ground was occupied by thousands of monster tanks.

Britain must take her blame. We took no steps first to ascertain, then to repair, the deficiencies. What could

we have done? The air forces of Britain and France could have made a devastating attack on German war factories.

But when we started a rearmament program in 1936 to enable us to face this menace which has now fallen upon us, we slogged and slouched as if there were no particular reason for hurry. Even after war was declared we dawdled. We had well over a million unemployed when we needed the labor of every available man. Efficiency was on the Nazis' side.



IT is to the everlasting credit of Polish valor that there was no panic. But mechanized forces early showed that this was to be a

war of material superiority even more than the last. Poland had no chance.

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THE VIVID REPORTS of the scenes in Oslo showed that the Norwegians allowed themselves to be conquered by a brass band. But Germany poured in masses of planes, bombs, troops in her sweeping raid.



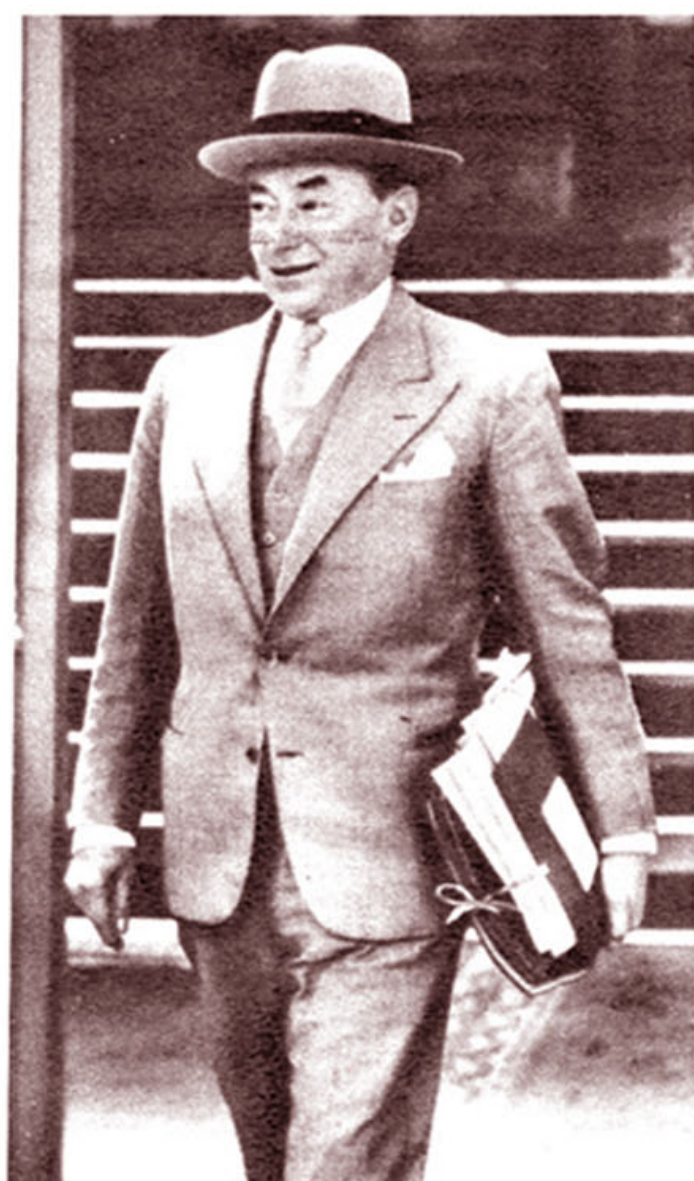
THERE IS NOTHING in history to compare with the rapidity of this conquest [Holland and Belgium. Useless tank traps shown above]. There were no defenses against powerful mechanized cavalry.



THE SACKING of a popular War Minister, Hore-Belisha, without explanation shocked public sentiment. It left the Government weaker to deal with another crisis should it arise.



THE REMOVAL of Monsieur Bonnet from the French Foreign Office is significant and reassuring. Bonnet will be regarded as one of the most sinister figures in French history.



ABLE M. PAUL REYNAUD was anxious that France should take a less pusillanimous line over the Spanish Civil War. Word of warning: Look out for Spain. She also has her ambitions.

WHEN MR. SUMNER WELLES' visit to the belligerent capitals was announced there was no loud shout of welcome. A cry for peace is deemed to be not altogether respectable.