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THE RHINELAND PROBLEM

LOCARNO POWERS MEET.

Picture. :- GERMANY ACTS ! The Rhineland territory, which the Locarno Treaty guaranteed as a de-militarised zone, is now occupied by troops and guns of nationalist Germany.

Frankfort streets resound to the cheers of the people as they welcome

the re-occupying soldiers. At Karlsruhe, the re-action is the same. Right, or wrong the population of the area expresses joy which drowns the rumble of artillery wheels.

Cologne, under the shadow of the great Cathedral, towering edifice, symbolising the Glory of God and the Christ who died that others might live, rings to the ominous clank of armed men, upon whom girls threw flowers in their hero worship.

Berlin. The Leader himself, upon whom the responsibility for the recent drastic move rests, drives

into the Wilhelmstrasse after

his critical speech in the Reichstag, speech which made the diplomatic wires almost red hot

with high tensioned activity. Hundreds of

thousands of Germans cheered his action to the echo. A torchlight procession, appearing almost un-ending

in length, made up of

soldiers of the old German armies marched before Herr Hitler, who watches from a balcony.

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Picture.:-

It is not too much to say that the eyes of Europe and the world are fixed upon our Foreign Office. The meeting of signatories to the Locarno Pact must have far reaching results.

Monsieur FLANDIN, French Foreign Minister holds to the Pact clause which forbids Rhineland re-militisation, and demands the agreed protection.

A long talk between Monsieur FLANDIN and Monsieur LITVINOFF

took place prior to this meeting. Russia is not a signatory. Our

Foreign Minister, Mr. EDEN has charge of the proceedings; Lord Halifax, Lord Privy Seal, also attending.

Monsieur Van Zeeland, Belgian Premier is also here to discuss measures to be taken. Italy is watching events carefully, through her Ambassador, Signor Grandi. These are momentous hours. The issues are critical. Which way shall we turn our faces ?

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Picture.:- Members of the League of Nations

meet at St. James's Palace.

Representatives of fourteen nations of the world

arrive to take their places at the horse-shoe

discussion table. Here are a few. Dr. P. Munch, Foreign Minister for Denmark.

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Mr. Bruce of Australia is Chairman of the League Council.

Senor Ruiz Guinazu speaks for the Argentine.

Spain's chief delegate is Senor Barcia, Foreign Minister.

The arrivals at the Palace are watched by hundreds of

interested people. Brazil has sent representatives. There they are !

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Dr. Tewfik Aras is Foreign Minister of Turkey.

Signor Grandi, Italy's ambassador

is easily recognised. (EFFECTS)

Portugal has sent Doctors Monteiro and Vasconellos.

Colonel Joseph Beck attends for Poland.

Russia, of course, is represented by Monsieur Litvinoff.

Monsieur Van Zeeland, Prime Minister, - - Belgium.

Monsieur Titulescu, Foreign Minister of Rumania.

Prominent French personalities are Monsieur Paul Boncour, League

Minister, and Monsieur Flandin, France's Foreign Minister.

Germany has now been invited to attend. I hope by

the time you see

this, that she will have responded favourably to the invitation.