

RIBBENTROP, GOING, GOING, GONE!

The very valuable contents of the German Embassy have been sold by auction. The sale took place at Earls Court Exhibition and the first 300 lots realised £20,000. Most of the buyers were dealers and hotels. ~~many~~ ^{perfect} Bids were well up to market prices. Nazi flags which were to have flown over conquered London were among articles sold. Masses of china, almost a forgotten sight, and numerous antiques attracted scores of buyers. They are ^{all} that remains of the lavish entertainment by which Ribbentrop tried to make friends with influential people in London. Articles of use, they were quickly snapped up. Some of the stuff looks like being a glut on the market. Proceeds of the sale will go to payment of German reparations. Bidding was brisk as ~~the~~ Lot after Lot came under the hammer.

- Offers in a warehouse soon rose 2
£ 250

The flags ~~which~~ fetched good prices, though why anybody should want to buy them is a mystery.

~~The surprise of the day was the amount bid for Hitler's bust.~~

~~Gordon Jennings~~, ^{once} the purchaser, was a member of the link, the notorious Anglo-German Society, ~~and was returned~~ ^{He is Mr. Gordon Canning} ~~under the name of Jennings~~. He believes Hitler to have been divinely inspired, despite the fact that the Fuhrer was a teetotaller. While Ribbentrop's possessions were being sold up, the German himself was in the dock at Nuremberg. The foreign minister whom Hitler considered the equal of Bismarck, cuts a sorry figure today, but a few years ago he thought himself highly important. Well, a lot more of them made the same mistake.