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London's Hyde Park occasionally turns a cold shoulder upon orators and nursemaids and gives its green spaciousness to a serious parade. This time it is a combined civil and military Defence Parade --- and there were Cabinet Ministers present to watch exercises by Anti-Aircraft Divisions, Balloons and ~~and~~ A.R.P.workers. A great crowd gathered to watch --- and the grea^{er} the crowd there is to watch and work, the more it becomes obvious to the world at large that Britain is at last awake.

Out in the country too Britain's volunteer peace army is busy. At Chobham Ridges men and women territorials were at work. In a mechanized army you have to be prepared for accidents. So part of the training includes instruction on how to get a lobby the right way up.

Whilst we are busy with our preparations for discouraging aggressors, we receive a visitor in the person of Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister. Poland may well have proved to be the turning point of Britain's foreign policy. For with the Government pledge came the first steps of an alliance of peace. The French Air Minister has also visited London --- M. la Chambre --- for important discussions with the British Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood. The closest possible contact is being maintained between the Air Services of the two countries

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