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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

SLOVAKIA'S DECLARATION.

The Slovak Consul in London, M. Milan Harmine, has communicated to the Foreign Office a declaration in the following terms:-

"The whole of Slovakia is occupied by Nazi armed forces. The voice of the Slovak people has been temporarily silenced by the ruthless abrogation of all treaties and agreements.

"In the name of Slovakia I solemnly protest against this shameful betrayal, and declare that the aim and ideals of Great Britain and France are identical with those of my sorely tried people."

EMPIRE AFFAIRS.

TRINIDAD SEAMEN READY.

The following telegram has been received from the Government of Trinidad in reference to the attitude of British merchant seamen gunners:

"Shortly after the outbreak of war, the British Consul, ARUBA, Netherlands West Indies, asked whether Trinidad seamen would serve on British merchant ships whose regular crews of foreign nationality declined to continue voyages in war zones. The local Seamen's and Watch-keepers Front Workers' Union was consulted, and seamen members immediately and unanimously volunteered to serve. Eighty have already been engaged on three British merchantmen, and a call for more is meeting with a ready response."