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In Mr. Earle's place came the terror of Nazi Germany, the brilliant Mr. George Messersmith, U.S. Consul-General in Berlin. With him and his wife we established a friendship as close as with Mr. Earle before him. Never can I forget the services rendered to me personally in the years from 1934 to 1937 by Mr. George Messersmith. His support and encouragement were unqualified. In particular did he suspect Herr von Papen. His role in countering all German manoeuvres to subjugate Austria can never be overestimated. Indeed, I have often wondered whether if President Roosevelt had not "promoted" him to the State Department in 1937, Hitler would ever have succeeded in absorbing Austria in March 1938!