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The news this evening tends toward personalities, significant figures about whom interesting things are to be told. For example, there's China. War news continues to stream ⁱⁿ from the Far East, with its grizzly tales of battle and destruction. But there also comes to the foreground a grave and venerable figure, well known to students of recent Asiatic History. His name is Marshal Wu Pei-Fu, ~~and he has~~ ^{of} immense Chinese renown.

A report from Tientsin tells that Wu Pei-Fu has declared himself for the Japanese. Long celebrated as an antagonist of Tokyo, he now changes his allegiance. He announces himself in support of the local Governments that Japan is sponsoring in North China. They say he is to become

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an official advisor to one of them.

Wu Pei-Fu emerges from a Buddhist Monastery. He has been in retirement for several years, a famous War Lord who buried himself in an Asiatic Cloister to study, philosophize and write poetry.

He's a surviving figure of the old mandarin days of China. As a boy of ten, he could recite the confucian classics. He wrote poetry, an infant prodigy. Becoming a mandarin, he served the Dragon throne under the old dowager Empress. When China became a Republic, he commanded armies. *And*

⁺The confucian scholar developed a gift for military strategy.

Ten years ago he was one of the masters of China. Then his downfall came, his army was defeated, and he retired to a mountain Monastery. Studying the classics, writing poetry,

meditating upon the ~~wis~~ wisdom of Confucious. ^{But-} That only

increased his renown among the Chinese. The War Lord kept his fame, now as a scholar and a sage.

So, his appearance once more on the scene of politics and war is considered of prime significance. His

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support of the Japanese regime in North ~~East~~ China is rated a major event. It seems like a turn-coat affair, selling out to the enemy. But Wu Pei-Fu is a mandarin of the old school, who recalls the Empire of the Dragon throne. ^{And} Many of the adherents of the former Manchu dynasty are joining the Japanese. They are in favor of annexing North China to Manchuku, where the former boy Emperor of China now reigns with the support of Tokyo. They would like to see the Dragon restored at the old capital of Peking - a revival of the celestial empire of old.

Such is the personality angle in the Far East as Great Britain makes a firm demand on Tokyo. (Today, London insisted on "full satisfaction" for the shooting of the British Ambassador to China by a Japanese aviator.) This was conveyed by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, to the Japanese Ambassador to London. His Majesty's Government demands - full satisfaction. That's what the Foreign Secretary is said to have told the Ambassador. It is reported that Britain will demand an apology and an indemnity.

Meanwhile, in a Shanghai Hospital, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugesen, is reported to be improving. The Doctors say his condition is satisfactory, though, with two abdominal bullet wounds he is by no means out of danger. The question of life and death hangs suspended, and it will be forty-eight hours before the physicians will be able to form a judgment.

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The battle of Shanghai continues to rage, a mad melee of fighting through streets and surrounding country. The Japanese seem to be winning the fight, and there's one report that the Chinese defenders are about to abandon the City - the Chinese Commander ordering a general withdrawal. Japanese war planes continue to bomb Nanking, the Nationalist Capital. The Far East aglow with the red glare of war.

ROUMANIA

The return of Prince Nicholas to Roumania is invested with all sorts of political significance. There's even talk that it may produce a revolt in the Balkan Kingdom.

When Prince Nicholas was sent into exile by his brother, King Carol, the reason given was - that Nicholas had married a commoner. The word from behind the scenes is that the real reason was something else again - something intensely political. [#] King Carol is fiercely opposed by the Anti-Semitic organization called the ~~Iron Guard~~ Iron Guard. And they say that an Iron Guard scheme was afoot to dethrone Carol and give the crown to brother Nicholas. So Nick was sent out of the country.

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Now he ~~was~~ has returned suddenly, and they say the Iron Guard is rallying behind him. So there may be a drive against King Carol. Moreover, it's reported that Carol is likely to call off a conference of statesmen of the Little Entente schedule ^d for next week. One of the Little Entente nations is Czechoslovakia, toward which the Iron Guard is bitterly hostile. That anti-semitic organization leans strongly

toward Hitler's Germany, and is pro-Nazi. It claims
that Czechoslovakia, lined up with Soviet Russia, is a
hot bed of Communism. ^{So} With Prince Nicholas as their leader,
they might start trouble to break up the Little Entente
Conference.

MELLON

Tonight a special car will be hitched to the eleven o'clock train on the Pennsylvania and in that car (the mortal remains of Andrew W. Mellon will be taken home to Pittsburgh. There, his funeral will be solemnized tomorrow in a church founded by the Mellon family with a gift of three million dollars.

Today the obituary discussion concerns - wealth.

Inevitably, because Andrew W. Mellon, former Secretary of the Treasury, was surely one of the world's four or five richest men. Perhaps he was the richest.) Perhaps you can rate the Mellon family as the richest people who ever lived. There was always some doubt about the magnitude of Andrew Mellon's possessions, ~~There was~~ confusion between his own personal holdings and the family fortune of the Mellons. There are six Mellon banks, headed by the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, and they are ~~are~~ credited with resources of half a billion dollars. There are altogether fifty-one Mellon companies, and they represent between eight and fifteen billion dollars. The Mellon ^{share} ~~share~~ in these is perhaps three billion dollars - at which figure the family fortune can most likely

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be placed. As for the personal estate Andrew Mellon leaves, the estimates range from two hundred and fifty million dollars to five hundred million.

Whence came all of this fabulous treasure? You'll find the better part of the answer by looking into a school textbook of chemistry. There you'll see a ~~list~~ list of metals; there are ninety-six of them. If ~~they are~~ arranged in alphabetical order, right on ~~the~~ top ^{we} ~~you'll~~ find - aluminum. What gold was to Croesus, Aluminum was to Mellon. It's not a rare metal, but the Mellons control it in this nation. They own the sources of supply, the ~~red~~ brown mud out of which you get gleaming aluminum. They own the smelters, the mills, the factories. There's not an aluminum pot or ~~pan~~ pan in an American kitchen which was not made by Mellon. And that ~~green~~ goes for pistons in automobiles, wings of airplanes, covering of streamlined trains, radios, refrigerators, paints, machine gun bullets, and so on for a long list.

Andrew Mellon ~~has his place~~ ^{will go down} in industrial history as an Emperor of Aluminum. In political history, he's marked down as Secretary of the Treasury under three Presidents -

Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. He took hold of American finance after the war, and made this nation the first of the World War countries to balance its budget. He cut down the war swollen public debt by billions. He cut taxes. He won that once familiar epithet - the greatest Secretary of the Treasury since Alexander Hamilton. His prestige was supreme during boom times, only to be shadowed by the storm and clouds of the depression.

He was born to the ways of hard-headed business, his father, an old-fashioned banker with the hardest kind of head. Young Mellon began his business career with a real estate deal, to finance which he borrowed three thousand dollars from his father. He was chagrined to find that he was ~~was~~ being charged sixteen per cent interest. In answer to his protests, his father explained: "The regular rate at the bank," said he, "is ten per cent, but you're an unsound risk, my boy." So the rate was sixteen from father to son.

Another anecdote relates that while Andrew Mellon was Secretary of the Treasury, his brother asked him how much he paid for his apartment. The Secretary answered, "Twenty-five Thousand dollars a year." "What's your salary, Andy?"

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asked his brother. The Secretary of the Treasury replied, "Fifteen thousand dollars a year." The brother ~~shook~~ shook his head in reminiscent doubt. "What would father say to that" he murmured.

And so Andrew Mellon passes on
- leaving his vast possessions behind -
perhaps the richest man who ever lived.

OPPER

Other personalities are evoked this evening -
a comic tramp with a tin can for a hat and two incessantly
polite Frenchmen;— Happy Hooligan and Alphonse and Gaston.
They were the most successful characters of Frederick Oppen,
the Dean of American cartoonists. *My friend Fred Oppen* died today in his
eighty-first year. *¶* Happy Hooligan was perhaps the most
beloved of all comic strip characters. For thirty years
Frederick Oppen delighted the children of the Nation and
grown-ups too with ~~his~~ the antics of Happy and his brother,
Gloomy Gus. With his Alphonse and Gaston strip he created
a phrase that became a byword of the Nation;—"After you my
dear Alphonse." *¶* He invented a whole series of comic
characters, which read like reminiscences of youth to those
of us in middle age. There was the farmer Si and the mule
Maud. There was Mr. Dough and Mr. Dub and the Joys and
Glooms, also a fantastic series called "Our Antedeluvian
Ancestors." Lingerling reminiscences of the funny papers.
In his earlier years Frederick Oppen was a

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cartoonist and illustrator of serious importance - back in
the day ~~xx~~^s of Bryan and McKinley. But he is remembered
supremely for Happy Hooligan and - "After you my dear
Alphonse."

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John Lewis received a triumphal welcome at Milwaukee today, when he appeared before the automobile workers union. The C.I.O. chief took the floor and called for harmony, urged his followers to end the fight that has divided them into two factions. He told them to patch up their quarrel and close their ranks. And he gave them one special reason why:- so that they could unionize Ford, organize the hundred and forty thousand workers of the Ford Motor Company.

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"One of these days", he shouted, "Henry Ford is going to quit flying into the face of the inevitable. And when he does, you won't have to organize the Ford workers. They'll flock into your union".

All that got a big hand. ~~But~~ there's no indication that the factions in the Auto Workers Union have ended their fight.

BRIEFS

A batch of sentences were handed down in the New York Federal Court today. Twenty-five men and women got prison terms ranging from three months to a year and two months, and they were fined a total of more than forty thousand dollars. Twenty-five prisoners in one batch sounds like a lot. Well, they were convicted as members of the biggest International diamond smuggling crowd on record. Fifty-five had been indicted but many of them were in Europe, out of reach. Government agencies seized two hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars worth of smuggled diamonds.

A college student and a nineteen year old girl were released today near Thomasville, North Carolina, after being kidnapped by a fugitive outlaw. They were in an automobile when a desperado got in with them and, pistol in hand, forced them to drive him for hours. He was North Carolina's number one bad man, William Payme, who is wanted for killing a Policeman. Posses were searching in the hills, when he did his kidnapping act then released the student and the girl and kept going in the student's car.

There was a similar sort of kidnapping at Decatur, Tennessee. Two bandits ~~xxx~~ snatched three people and in a gun fight wounded two Policemen. The episode ended today with the killing of one bandit and the ~~xxxx~~ capture of the other.

And so long until Monday.

FLOODS

Wet weather - so we have stories of ~~glue~~ floods.

In up-state New York and in Pennsylvania, rivers are on the rampage. There have been drenching rains and cloud-bursts. Wash-outs in many places. Hundreds of homes inundated. Traffic tied up, communications impeded. Two deaths are known to have occurred - one the case of a Lieutenant of the C. C. C. who lost his life trying to rescue a man. A family of three is reported missing.

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It seems odd to hear of boats going to the rescue of a passenger ~~train~~ train, but that happened near the village of Montour Falls. The train was caught by the flood, stuck in four feet of water. Huge floating logs jammed and tangled with a couple of cars, and held them so the locomotive couldn't pull them. The train was stalled for twelve hours with twenty-five passengers and twenty members of the crew. It took workmen in row boats to uncouple the two cars tied up by the logs, and ^{then} free the rest of the train.

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People were taken off in boats.

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In Washington, too, the story **is** flood.

Dozens of families who live in the nearby lowlands are trapped, marooned. Rescue parties are helping them to higher ground.

The latest report is that the sun is beginning to break through in the flood areas, with promise of the rains ending and the floods subsiding.

— and a grand week end for all of you, I hope — and so long until Monday.

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