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~~Scarcely more than~~ an hour ago a ship sailed from
Halifax and certainly that old Nova Scotian port has never
witnessed a more festive sailing. King George the Sixth and
Queen Elizabeth left American shores amid cheers. They arrived
amid cheers, ^{and} ~~the~~ loud acclaim is what they received all the
way across Canada and ^{here} ~~back and down into~~ the United States.)

Their Britannic Majesties may feel a bit of melancholy
as they see the shores of the New World receding beyond the
horizon. They return to Europe, that troubled old continent --
so different from America. King George in his farewell speech
spoke these words this afternoon. "From the Atlantic to the
Pacific and from the tropics to the Arctic ^{said he} lies a large part
of the earth where there is no possibility of war between
neighbors, whose peoples are wholly dedicated to the pursuits
of peace, a pattern to all men of how civilized nations should
live together." And I suppose he's wishing that Europe would
~~Model~~ model itself according to that pattern -- a royal thought, as
the royal couple returns ~~xxx~~ home.

I heard some mighty pleasant things about the King and Queen today - from their recent hostess, our own First Lady.

At the Advertising Club luncheon ^{this noon} ~~today~~ Mrs. Roosevelt presented the Harmon Trophy for flying to the ^{Queen} ladybird, Jacqueline Cochrane.

I had a chat with the hostess of the White House, and asked her about her royal guests. She said the thing that impressed her

most about them was ^{their} unfailing kindness and courtesy toward ~~the~~ ^{everybody,} ~~people that helped and worked~~ ^{especially} the servants, the chauffeurs, the railroad workers.

Mrs. Roosevelt told me how on the last day the royal party was leaving Hyde Park. At the railroad station they left their automobiles and were walking to the train. The Queen suddenly exclaimed, "Oh my, I forgot to say goodbye to your chauffeur!" Whereupon she hurried back to the auto, shook hands with the chauffeur, and spoke her friendly good-bye.

CHINA

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Today's news from the China coast may well be told in words spoken by Prime Minister Chamberlain of Great Britain. He reported to the House of Commons today as follows:- "The Japanese blockade of the British concession of Tientsin began on June Fourteenth," said he. "British subjects and other foreigners are being detained and searched at the barriers. I understand," he added, "that food supplies are being allowed into the concession. There also has been interference of British ships up and down the river," he went on, and then pointed to the gravity of the situation in these words:- "His Majesty's Ambassador to Tokyo", said he, "has made full representations to the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, and has been instructed that danger of provocative action by local Japanese might lead to regrettable incidents."

The proceedings in the Commons were much concerned with the broader scope the Far Eastern dispute has assumed. It started because of the Japanese demand on the British at Tientsin to surrender several Chinese accused of being terrorists. *The blockade was* ~~and they started the~~

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~~blockade,~~ to enforce that demand. But now the Tokyo Foreign Office expresses its aim this way - "to secure a much wider form of

cooperation with the British authorities in north China."

"Cooperation" is a nice word, but when Japan speaks it, ^{the}~~the~~ cooperation ^{is}~~is~~ language becomes rather alarming. They have a way in the East of making threats and demands with mild and benevolent words - like the cooing of a dove disguising a tiger's growl. By "copperation" the Japanese mean they'll cooperate ~~with the Western powers~~ in running the China coast concessions owned by the Western powers - horning in! the Mikado's men hankering to get control of the foreign concessions. Both Great Britain and France made a joint protest today, and challenged the Japanese claim to exercise control over the foreign areas on the China coast.

Meanwhile, the blockade is on not only at Tientsin but also in the southern Chinese ^{at}~~port of~~ Amoy. ~~They're~~ Both seaports. Japanese soldiers and ships are preventing persons and goods from entering or leaving the British concessions. At Tientsin things have a threatening look, with armed patrols, ~~of~~ British and Japanese, facing each other. ^{There was a time of tension today.} Three Japanese tanks rumbled up to the blockaded British concession ~~today~~ and took a menacing

position right at the border line. The Japanese officers declared this was because the British had mounted a machine gun, pointing in the direction of the Japanese guards. They said they had to get their tanks in position because of what they called -"the

mysterious bellicosity manifested by the British." ~~They're~~

Formidable
~~sounding~~ words, those - "manifestations of mysterious bellicosity!"

Some believe that a showdown
~~The Japanese admit the situation at Tientsin is growing~~
may be at hand in the Far East.
~~worse, more menacing, but they say they expect to settle it~~

~~eventually.~~

MURDERER

Today in France, President Lebrun passed upon a final plea of mercy ^{for} ~~from~~ Eugene Weidmann, the mass murderer. Weidmann is the fantastic assassin who killed several victims including Jean DeKoven, the American girl dancer. He was convicted and sentenced to the guillotine. ~~Saturday being the date.~~ So today the President of the French Republic gave his answer to a last plea for mercy. He rejected it, decreed that the mass murderer must face that grim form of doom which the French law provides - the guillotine at dawn on Saturday.

His accomplice had better luck, the slippery gigolo named Roger Million. The French President commuted his sentence, changed it from the guillotine to life imprisonment at hard labor.

BLACK TOM

A dramatic verdict was issued today in a highly dramatic affair - the Black Tom explosion, that tremendous munitions ~~explosion~~^{blast} back in World War days. Today's decision makes an outright charge of fraud against the German government.

For years Americans who sustained huge losses in the Black Tom ~~blast~~^{blowup} have been trying to collect from Germany - on the theory that the ~~immense explosion~~^{catastrophe} was the doing of World War German spies. A German-American mixed claims commission has been considering the demand. Some while ago, the Commission gave a decision rejecting the American claims - this on the grounds of evidence that Germany presented. Then the case was reopened - with charges that the German evidence was fraudulent.

The mixed claims commission is a three-man affair, two members representing the opposing sides, while a third is a neutral arbiter. This third member and neutral arbiter is Supreme Court Justice Roberts. And it was Justice Roberts today who gave the verdict - the German evidence was fraudulent, ~~with~~ that the proofs were faked to exonerate Germany in the Black Tom affair. And with that the Commission ruled in favor of the

Americans, upholding their claims, which amount to some fifty million dollars.

~~To this the Germans respond by still arguing~~

ANTI-SEMITISM

The superintendent of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis today ordered an investigation into the case of an Annapolis cadet who was advised to change his name. The cadet in question is J. Allen Einstein, and it is reported that a naval officer advised him to drop the "Einstein" and adopt the name of "Easton", saying that it would help him along in the navy. "Greatly enlarge his career", are the words quoted.

It would appear that the advice was taken, because the case came to light when the cadet's father in Westchester County, New York, had the family name changed to "Easton". As his reason for so doing, he cited the advice the officer gave his son.

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A brother of the Annapolis cadet is a cadet at West Point, John J. Einstein. Apparently he becomes "Easton" too. Well, as for name changing, there's another Einstein - Albert. But I don't imagine Professor Einstein is thinking about changing his name. ~~Professor Einstein Easton wouldn't be half as famous.~~

TAX

Business tax revision is on its way. The congressional tax sub-committee today put its okay on a bill to revise tax levies that have been handicapping business. The salient thing about this bill is that it eliminates the much condemned tax on undistributed profits, the levy that has been considered so harmful to industry. The sub-committee acted today and sent the bill to the full committee, whence it will go to the floor of Congress, probably on Monday.

RELIEF

Congress had a hot debate today about politics in the W.P.A. The House of Representatives is considering the bill to provide relief money for the coming year, a bill which also contains a proviso that the W.P.A. must not dabble in politics.

A Republican Congressman ^{from} Kentucky read a couple of letters to prove the claim that relief workers in Kentucky had been told to contribute to the campaign fund for the election last fall. ~~He said the letters had been written by the W.P.A. Administrator to relief authorities in Kentucky, and he read them to the Congressmen instructions stating that relief workers were to contribute~~

Two per cent of their yearly earnings to help reelect Senator Alben Barkley, ^{"Dear Alben"} the administration leader in the upper House. New Deal supporters replied ~~that~~ with arguments of their own- contending against the no-politics provision in the Relief Bill.

Democratic Representative Parsons of Illinois declared that if the law forbade the W.P.A. to meddle with politics, this might be used to keep W.P.A. workers from the polls altogether.

"No politics" might be construed to mean - no vote.

Meanwhile, relief chiefs ^{were} ~~are~~ meeting with President Roosevelt, ~~and are~~ asking ~~the president~~ to urge Congress to take prompt action on the Relief Bill. They say the W.P.A. needs money badly.

INFLATION

The fearsome word "inflation" flashed in the Senate today.

An inflation program was proposed by Senator Elmer Thomas of

Oklahoma. Senator Thomas made headlines in the early days of the

New Deal by proposing ^{an} inflation ^{ary} ~~to the~~ money policy based on silver.

Today the Senator called upon the upper House of Congress to

expand currency on the basis of a lot of gold - the chief golden

item being that huge stabilization fund, which the Treasury uses

in money market transactions to stabilize the value of the dollar.

Senator Thomas proposed that the government issue paper money

backed by that stabilization fund, which amounts to a billion and

a half dollars. That would expand the currency. ~~It's~~ a big program,

an inflated program - ~~of~~ inflation.

SORCERY

One of the oldest superstitions is - the Evil Eye, the weird, primitive belief that a glance can inflict misfortune, illness, death. Some people are supposed to have the Evil Eye, and they're regarded with terror. The superstition flourishes along the shores of the Mediterranean, and is particularly prevalent in southern Italy and Sicily. Today, the sorcery of the malignant glance is in the news from Philadelphia - that poison syndicate affair, merchants of death.

In the trial today, a pants presser named Dominic Cassetti, testified. He is charged with the murder of his wife. He's the father of four children, and was happy with his wife - but he believed in the Evil Eye. He told of two women fortune tellers, plying their magic arts in the Italian quarter. He said they took him into a dark cellar, dim and ghostly with the flicker of candles. And there they threatened to put the curse of the Evil Eye on him, unless . . . They gave him some white powders - he claims he didn't know what they were. They told him he must put the powders in his wife's macaroni - ^{mixed} with the grated cheese she'd spread.

This the terror of the Evil Eye compelled him to do, and his wife

sickened and died. The two fortune tellers had an insurance policy on her.

Such is the fantastic story the Philadelphia pants presser tells in his defense, and today a police captain of a homicide court supported him. "This man is a real believer in witchcraft," he has been very truthful," testified the police captain - truthful in that tale of the Evil Eye, *what the fortune tellers told the pants presser.*

PLATE

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A rifleman is a formidable fellow, a marksman who shoots with deadly accuracy. In New York there's one particular shooting expert so enthusiastic about firearms that his hotel room is loaded with rifles and revolvers. He's a member of the American Rifleman's Association, and is known for ^{blazing} ~~the way he blazes~~ away with a scoring of bull's eyes.

Now, an artist's model is altogether different - pretty girl, delicate femininity, sweet and gentle. You'd think the artist's model would be simply terrified of a rifleman - a hero of guns and bullets.

Today, the rifleman had the artist's model in court on a charge of assault. He was having dinner with her, says he, and she socked him in the face with a plate of chicken salad. The chicken salad smeared him up a bit, and the plate knocked a tooth out. The model explains it this way:- "He kicked me under the table several times," said she, "so I just threw the plate at him."

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All of which might seem to prove that a rifleman who blasts away with guns and pistols may not be so deadly as a girl heaving a plate. — *chicken salad all over his soup and fish.*

BUCKNER

8 1/2 Glamour appeared in a New York court today, glamour that had been expected. It's in the trial of William S. Buckner, Jr. He's charged with frauds connected with the Philippine Railroad bonds, and ~~he~~ has been headlined as being on excellent terms with some of the most glamorous stars of Hollywood - Loretta Young in particular. The evidence assets that Buckner tried to influence members of Congress to promote congressional action in favor of the Philippine Railroad Bonds. He ~~is~~ is said to have wined and dined various lawmakers at gay parties with lovely ladies - bringing glamour to bear on the Congressmen of the United States.

Former Congressman Lanzetta of New York is named as having promised to do something in Congress in behalf of the Philippine bonds.

~~Today's testimony concerned a festive party in Washington at which legislators are said to have been present, former Congressman Lanzetta being one, and~~
And today
glamour appeared on the witness stand - a flashing brunette.)

Then the glamour proceeded to vanish as the brunette told about ^a ~~the~~ party and ~~the~~ members of Congress. She said they

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bored her - those legislators. She didn't find them interesting
or fascinating. The congressional party bored her so much that
she left the party at ten thirty [~]P.M. - which was early indeed.

The glamour girl testified that the legislators were not glamour

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