

PALESTINE

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In Palestine there are to be scenes of grief and mourning tomorrow. The Jewish population has planned widespread demonstrations against the new British White Paper, which is scheduled to be issued - the proclamation of a new Palestine plan which is opposed by both Arabs and Jews. ~~It~~ Its terms are such that Jewish immigration will be severely curtailed and virtually end the hope of a Jewish state. So the Zionists are calling a one-day strike and a one-day fast, and mass meetings everywhere.

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Today, the Zionist extremists issued a statement threatening violence. The manifesto proclaimed these menacing words in Hebrew:- "Israel's sword will be drawn from its sheath."

Tomorrow, when the new British Palestine plan is published, there will be wailing in Zion.

FOREIGN

The latest from London is that the British Cabinet today put its okay on a new note to be sent to Soviet Russia - an answer to the Moscow rejection of the British proposal for the Soviets to join the anti-aggression front. The report says that the British reply will not accept the Stalin demand for an outright ~~XXXXXXXX~~ military alliance, but it will propose that the anti-aggression front guarantee the Baltic states - such as Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. That answers one Soviet objection - that if there were guarantees only for Poland and Roumania, Hitler might still strike at the Communist realm through those same Baltic states - in which case Soviet Russia might be left to face Nazi Germany alone. It remains to be seen how Red Dictator Stalin will take any such new concession - whether he will back down from his demand for an ironclad military alliance.

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From Paris comes an ingenious thought. They say the French statesmen are figuring out a ^{scheme} way whereby Stalin could have his military alliance - but in an indirect way, a way that Great Britain might accept. The idea is this - France and the Soviets to have a hundred per cent military alliance. And France

and Great Britain to have the same thing. So, if Stalin got into a war, France would have to join him in the struggle, and Great Britain in turn would have to join France. So, Great Britain would necessarily be in the war along with the Soviets. A sort of military alliance by remote control - Chamberlain won't shake hands with Stalin, but Daladier will, and Chamberlain will shake hands with Daladier, a sort of once removed handshake with France in the middle.

I wonder how the Communist comrades would like that - leaving them still socially ~~non-~~^{un-}acceptable to London.

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Tonight a flotilla of ships is steaming as fast as it can up the St. Lawrence River - the liner EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, escorted by two British cruisers and two British warships. The royal visitors, King George and Queen Elizabeth, have seen plenty of fog and icy weather on their trip thus far. Today they had a change. The weather was magnificent, blue sky and bright sunshine. The royal flotilla hugged the northern shore of the broad St. Lawrence, giving the King and Queen a glimpse of the picturesque sunlit shores of the Gaspé country - a relief after all that fog.

The sovereigns of Britain are expected to land late tonight at Quebec, where the old French city is gayly prepared to receive them. The delay in the royal visit has been hard on the flowers - masses of blooms and blossoms which were to have greeted Their Majesties have wilted and faded. So new supplies of flowers are being rushed to Quebec.

One thing in Quebec today caused a bit of nervousness. On the lawn of the Laval University, a placard was found bearing

the initials - I.R.A. Those letters stand for - Irish Republican Army. That same organization of extreme nationalists that has been making trouble in England - staging violent demonstrations to enforce the demand that Ulster shall join ~~the~~ nationalist ~~Irish~~ Ireland.

The university authorities at Quebec were inclined to think that the I.R.A. placard left on the academic lawn was just a student joke. But the Canadian authorities have been afraid there might be some kind of Irish demonstration during the royal visit.

ROYALTY-WASHINGTON

From Washington comes word on the burning question:-
Who will and who will not be invited to the festivities for
royalty? Today Lady Lindsay, the wife of the British Ambassador
told about the guest list for the British Embassy ^{garden party to} ~~reception to~~
the King and Queen. She ~~sixty~~ said the idea has been to
invite representative American friends. ~~The~~ To select these she
has been going through all the social registers. From outside
of Washington ~~and the large social circle of the national capital~~
only persons known to herself and the British ambassador have been
invited. ~~People from many states -- but not from every state,~~
~~because Lord and Lady Lindsay don't happen to have acquaintances in~~
~~every state.~~ ^H No more additions are being made to the guest list,
which numbers between thirteen and fourteen hundred. The British
Embassy is being flooded with urgent requests, but they're all
being turned down and today Lady Lindsay spoke of -- her heart
anguish. She suffers heart anguish because she can't invite the
daughters of guests to the garden party, ^{for} she knows how those
daughters feel. ~~The British ambassador's lady emphasized that~~
~~she and she alone was responsible for the invitations -- so there's~~
~~no use blaming any American official.~~

PRESIDENT

President Roosevelt today urged that a problem be studied -- the problem of why so much money in this country is lying idle in the form of savings and not being put to work in the form of investments. He wrote this advice to the Senate Committee that's ~~ing~~ investigating monopoly, bidding them to seek a reason why ~~many~~ money lies stagnant. The voice of the White House said that if we're to have prosperity this one thing is necessary -- "bring together ~~the~~ idle men, machines and money", urged the President.

BEEF

(The storm about Argentine canned beef for the Navy kept on thundering in Washington today ^{with} ~~And here we have~~ Democratic Senator Pitman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, coming out in opposition to President Roosevelt. The President defends the Navy purchase ~~of forty-eight thousand pounds~~ of Argentine canned beef, saying it's better and cheaper than the American product.) Now, Senator Pittman calls it - "a very bad mistake.")

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He's a staunch administration supporter in other matters, but he can't swallow the Argentine canned beef - no matter how appetizing it may be. So (he urges the Senate to prohibit the purchase of any foreign foodstuffs for the Navy.)

Legislation to that effect is before a Senate sub-committee on appropriations. The proposal is to tack an amendment on the naval supply bill, an amendment specifying the Navy must eat a hundred per cent American. Representatives of the Navy have told the Committee that the amendment is all wrong - pointing out that Argentine canned beef is nine cents a can while the American product is twenty-three cents a can.

Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming is charging that the Argentine Meat Producers Association is subsidized by the Buenos Aires government, ~~but~~ this is denied today in an Argentine dispatch which states that the Meat Producers Association of the southern republic runs strictly on its own funds.

The Navy purchase of forty-eight thousand pounds of the much disputed canned beef doesn't amount to so much, comparatively speaking. It's only about a one day ration for all those sailors, ~~and officers~~ on the warships. So the rumpus sounds a bit like a tempest in a teapot - but a teapot can sometimes be a mere beginning, leading on to larger containers. The canned beef opponents are afraid that one foreign purchase for the Navy may mean more and more.

COAL

Late today officials of the United Mine Workers wired a protest to President Roosevelt, as the Governor of Kentucky extended National Guard protection in the coal strike area. With Harlan County mines operating under the military rule of state soldiers, Governor Happy Chandler sent National Guard detachments into a neighboring area - Bell County. So the union officials are complaining to Washington. They call it an appeal for the safeguarding of the civil rights of the miners, and they warn of possible riot and bloodshed.

Meanwhile, of the thirty-five thousand miners in the Harlan section, nineteen hundred today were at work under the guard of eight hundred state soldiers. *Just a few fist-fights* No large outbreak of violence is reported, but the situation is tense - with masses of *strikes* pickets facing the soldiers of the Kentucky National Guard. *Green*

One group of mine operators signed up with the union today - the big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operators Association. They agreed to the union shop provision, which has already been accepted by the Appalachian mine owners in general.

TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR FLIGHT

The news angle in today's big flight is the smallness of the plane. The Swedish aviator, Charles Backman, took off from Newfoundland and headed for Sweden ~~today~~ in the smallest airplane ever to attempt a trans-Atlantic flight. It's a light monoplane with only ninety horsepower. Yet that pigmy of the sky achieved quite an exploit a few weeks ago - when it flew in a speed test from Los Angeles to New York. It broke the ^{non-stop} record for light planes. Now the ninety horsepower aircraft is headed across the sea with enough fuel to last for forty-five hours. Three thousand miles of sky ^{route} ~~riding~~ which Aviator Backman hopes to fly in twenty-nine hours. If all goes well, he should land in Sweden some time tomorrow.

PALMER

When death comes to a playboy heir to a fortune, who has had matrimonial difficulties - legal complications are likely to follow. And legal complications began today over the estate of Potter D'Orsay Palmer of the Chicago Potter Palmers. He has died as a result of ^{the} a beating he got during ^{that} a fist fight at a Florida barbecue just a common brawl, hit by a young fellow who didn't even know him. His wife is a former waitress, with whom he was estranged and then reunited - and today her lawyers began legal action to establish her right to five million dollars. The young Potter Palmer heir doesn't leave much of an estate of his own, but there's a fifteen million dollar bequest left by his grandmother, the prominent society leader, and he was slated to inherit one-third of it - five million.

This fortune, however, descends directly to his father, and lawyers are raising the question as to whether or not it shall revert eventually to the newly made widow. Moreover, they say that several months ago Potter ~~Palmer~~ d'Orsay Palmer and his wife signed an agreement which would entitle her only to the income from the fortune. Altogether - it makes a fine tangle of legalities for the lawyers to quarrel ^{over,} with the former waitress trying to get title to the five million ~~dollars.~~

DIVORCE

In an Atlantic City courtroom today a large story of family troubles was told - a big story of marriage, And a copious story of a wife deserting her husband.

The husband with the Italian name of ^{*Di*} Parsio, was a widower with seventeen children. He married a bride ~~with~~ the equally Italian name of Calabrese - she a widow with eleven children. The wedding made a combined family of twenty-eight children - just one big happy family. However, it didn't stay happy forever after. A few months later Mrs. ^{*de*} Parsio deserted her husband, and a large desertion it was. She was thoughtful enough to take her eleven children with her.

Today ^{*de*} Parsio described it in these words:- "One night she and her eleven children loaded their furniture on a truck and headed for Philadelphia." ^{*Leaving*} ~~she left~~ him and his seventeen children.

The telling ~~t~~ of this big family story was followed by a recommendation for a large divorce.

FELLER

When a feller's

which mother gets hit in the face by a baseball which
a Feller *what's a feller goin' to do?*
~~sonny boy~~ pitched, *you'd* hardly expect ~~Ma~~ to be so philosophic

about it all. However, in this case the mother is Mrs. William

the feller who threw it
Feller, and ~~sonny boy~~ is that kid speed-ball pitcher, Bob Feller,

● star on the Cleveland Indians.

Today in Chicago Ma ~~Feller~~ was released from a hospital, after the doctors had put six stitches in her forehead. Watching sonny boy pitch against the Chicago White Sox, she was hit and her glasses smashed by a foul tip - when a batter took a swing at one of those Bob Feller fire balls. It did seem ironical that the foul tip had to pick out the pitcher's mother to sock between the eyes.

Leaving the hospital today, Ma Feller remarked most philosophically:- "I got off easier than Pa did when Bob was eleven years old." This recalls the fact that Pa Feller taught his boy Bob how to pitch down on the farm - and Paw didn't get off so easy. Mrs. Feller explains it this way: "Bob broke three of his father's ribs, pitching to him when he was only eleven years old."

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Feller
~~Bob~~

Life seems to be dangerous in the Feller family - when *a* begins tossing a baseball.

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The news tonight brings along a couple of ~~these~~ odd
twisters, ~~that might well be called~~ -- gags in the news. In New
York a man suffering from amnesia was picked up by the police. ~~He~~
couldn't remember his name. The job of discovering his identify
was turned over to Detective Raphael Lupoli. The detective went
sleuthing and discovered that the name of the amnesia victim was
-- Raphael Lupoli. No, it wasn't himself, just another man with
the same name, no relation,

A weird coincidence occurred ~~sz~~ at Long Beach, Long
Island today. A hotel employee was working in an elevator shaft
and down he fell. Very likely he would have been killed, save
that he fell on a man's body -- another elevator shaft worker who
had fallen previously in the day, ^{and} been killed, unknown to anybody.

FIRE ALARM

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Here's a story to be told faintly. It's about
Felix Hopkins of York, Pennsylvania. Felix was brought to court
today, charged with turning in a false fire alarm. He explained
it this way:

"I turned in the alarm for protection," said he -
"because I was feeling faint."

To this his Honor responded: "Ninety days in jail."

And thereupon Felix fainted. To which I'll say faintly -

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SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.