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STOCKS

The news from Europe this summer falls into a regular up and down pattern. Every week begins with a blue Monday, a Monday full of war scares. ~~It's as regular as the calendar,~~

Today's war scare ~~from across the Atlantic~~ differs somewhat, ~~from~~

~~the others.~~ ^{For it is taken} ~~It was taken~~ seriously by the business men who deal

in money. (Prices broke on all the principal stock markets of the

world except one. ^{The slump} ~~It~~ started in London and Paris and then swept

across the ocean to New York. ^H ~~There~~ the stock exchange saw the

biggest break in prices since last March. There was such a volume

of selling that the high speed ticker fell behind, and some stocks

went off as much as four dollars a share.

Strangely enough, the one place where they didn't take the

war scare seriously was Berlin, the ~~pr~~ place that today is the

source of ^{so many} ~~the biggest~~ international alarms.

EUROPE FOLLOW STOCKS

The facts behind these war scares look brave enough on the surface. Europe never ^{appeared} ~~looked~~ more like one huge armed camp. Bristling with the equipment of death, waiting only for an incident to touch off the explosion. The war scare ^{prophets} ~~merchants~~ pointed with particular emphasis at the spectacle on the ~~River~~ Rhine. On the German side, ~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler made a sudden appearance just ^{across} ~~opposite~~ the river from Strassbourg. In his party were no fewer than eight of the foremost generals of his army.

On the western side of the Rhine, the French started their manoeuvres at a spot just seventy miles away from Hitler and ^{those} ~~his~~ generals. And that spot is significant aside from the vicinity of the Fuehrer. For it is generally believed that if the Germans attack France, they won't come through Belgium this time. They'll cut across Swiss territory, at a point where there are no protective mountains ^{— near Basle.} And it's in that neighborhood that the French army is staging its biggest war games in many years.

A special meeting of the French Cabinet was called in Paris. And the President of the Republic returned suddenly from his vacation.

However, there's ^{word} ~~news~~ to offset all the war scares.

~~Perhaps it would be more accurate to describe it as rumor.~~ Hitler has been warned from all sides that if he starts anything in Czechoslovakia, he will be up against not merely the Czechs but a coalition of hostile powers. The unofficial warning issued by Sir John Simon is supposed to have been backed up by the British government, also by France. ^{Berlin} ~~The Nazi government~~ is supposed to have been formally notified that a march of the German armies on Bohemia will mean a general war. This information was given out this afternoon in a semi-official way. It was announced as having come from that much quoted source, "authoritative circles."

In the same manner and almost the same words, the world is informed that not only John Bull and France, but also Russia, Roumania and Jugoslavia, have sent word to Berlin that they will ~~jump into the ring~~ come to the defense of the Czechoslovaks if they're attacked.

One important power has not yet spoken. ~~That is~~ Poland. Nobody knows which way the Polish cat will jump if the Germans fly at the throats of the Czechs. And upon that depends a good deal.

TREATY

We may see before long a new axis in international diplomacy ~~it will be~~ a Washington-Ottawa-London axis. This is implied in a report from Washington, which has it that the statesmen are ^{about to conclude that} ~~preparing a~~ trade treaty between John Bull, Uncle Sam and Canada. There have been rumors of this treaty for some time. They became stronger after President Roosevelt's announcement at Toronto that Uncle Sam would never tolerate the invasion of Canada by any foreign power. As a matter of fact, it has been reported abroad that the treaty has already been drafted and ~~ready for~~ is ready for public discussion. But the diplomats have been holding back ^{watching} ~~on it. They're waiting with eyes on~~ Germany. The annual congress of the Nazi Party will take place at Nuremberg next week. ^{Hence the report that} ~~so the statesmen of~~ the English-speaking countries are holding out until ~~before~~ Hitler makes his address to the congress and his followers.

If such a treaty is then made public, it is expected to add considerable strength to the English in their altercations with Hitler, even though it is only a reciprocal trade treaty. Of course, any other kind of an agreement could not go into effect

without the consent of Congress. But by an act passed four years ago, the State Department was empowered to enter into agreements on matters of trade without referring them to ~~the Representatives~~ ^{the Senate} ~~and Senators.~~

McNUTT

The Nazi question now reaches all the way to the Philippines. The German consul at Manila issued an order to Germans living in the Philippines. The order was to expel three Jewish members from the Manila German Club. The officers of the Club invited the German consul to go jump into the harbor and made a similar reply to other suggestions that the consul had made.

Today, that German consul had a long conference with Paul McNutt, Uncle Sam's High Commissioner to the Philippines.

Everybody in Manila believes that they were discussing the order issued by that consul to all Germans *— to get the Jews out of the club.* Reporters noticed that when the consul came out of the High Commissioner's office, he was red in the face and looked exceedingly angry. But he wouldn't admit anything. All he said was: "My visit had to do with private affairs between my government and the United States."

High Commissioner McNutt declined to make any comment whatsoever.

INDIA

The British government has been having trouble in India again. Riot in Allahabad. Troops called out to suppress it. Three killed, fifteen wounded. Thereupon, the authorities enforced a curfew law in Allahabad, and today King George's tommies are patrolling the Banks of the Ganges.

CHINA

There has been a good deal of excitement today over one of Uncle Sam's gunboats up the Yangste River, ~~the U.S.S. MONOCACY~~ ^{a vessel} ~~was~~ reported ~~to be~~ in grave danger ^{of exploding} ~~from~~ mines ^{laid} ~~strewn around~~ by the Japanese. Uncle Sam's Navy officials in Washington believe that the ~~explosion~~ ^{setting off} of those mines was accidental and not malicious. The commander of the MONOCACY reports that his ship is in no immediate danger and he is now anchored in a safe ^{place.} ~~hartry spot~~. However, the Japanese naval authorities ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~not there~~ ^{ing} to permit the warship to steam down the river.

JAPAN

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The Mikado's government is preparing a polite snub for Uncle Sam. It's over that Chinese ^{Pan American} passenger transport plane that was destroyed by Japanese bombers and ^{the} fourteen civilian passengers machinegunned after the plane had been forced down. Secretary Hull protested, and Tokyo is drawing up a note which, in diplomatic language, rejects our protest.

PRESIDIO

There's considerable mystery over an affair at Uncle Sam's army post at San Francisco, the Presidio. A couple of ~~days~~ tough characters attempted to break in ~~at one of the~~ buildings at the airport. A sentry saw them, ~~ordered them to~~ ^{shouted} halt, and fired his rifle into the air. Instead of throwing up their hands, the men rushed the sentry, knocked him down, and battered him over the head. ~~The sentry fired another shot, but missed both men.~~

They dashed away in a small motor car, with ^{injuring} ~~sentry firing at them.~~

Naturally, ~~the first question asked the officers about this is - "Was this another part of the numerous spy activities that are supposed to be going on all over the country?"~~ Officers ^{at} the Presidio say they don't think so, but the secret service is ~~now~~ investigating.

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt will be back at the White House in Washington tomorrow, and that means war to the finish, on the Democratic political front. Postmaster General Farley ended his conference with the President and returned to the capital one day ahead of him. He's laying plans for the President's invasion of Maryland, an invasion that ~~Mr.~~ Farley ^{seemed} ~~was~~ particularly anxious to bring about. Mr. Roosevelt will be two days in the Free State. He's going to speak against Senator Tydings right in one of ~~Mr.~~ ^{Senator's} ~~Tydings's~~ own strongholds. ^{The} Governor ~~also~~ invited the President to look over the site of a new bridge between Morgantown, Maryland, and Dahlgren, Virginia. ^{And} ~~So~~ the President will make his speech next Sunday from Denton, on the eastern shore of Maryland. ~~Incidentally, his speech will be broadcast.~~

There's a new aspect to the primary campaign in South Carolina. ^{It all} ~~That campaign~~ started as a three-cornered race between Senator Cotton Ed Smith, Governor Olin Johnston, and State Senator Brown. Last Saturday ~~Mr.~~ Brown announced that he was out of it. That left the running between ^{Anti-New Deal} ~~Cotton Ed~~ and Governor Johnston, who is a strong Roosevelt supporter, an

out-and-out New Dealer. Today, ~~Mr.~~ Brown said he would support

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Cotton Ed. That's somewhat of a blow ~~in the face~~ to the New Dealers.

~~State Senator~~ Brown ~~had~~ started his campaign ~~also~~ as a New Dealer,

and when he withdrew it was hoped that he would take Governor

Johnston's side. Instead of that, he is now lined up against the

New Deal.

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BABSON

Some political advice was handed down today by ~~Mr~~ Roger Babson, the ^{financial} ~~celebrated~~ figure shark. His words of counsel were aimed principally at the Republicans. He suggests that the G.O.P. put off its presidential convention until after the Democrats have had theirs. The idea is that if the Democratic Party splits wide open into radical and conservative wings, the Republicans should nominate the same candidate as the one chosen by the conservative Democrats. In this way, he points out, the G.O.P. will not lose its identity. There will be three parties:- Democratic, Conservative-Democratic, and Republican. ~~On the other hand, there'll~~
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~~be~~ only two candidates.

~~and~~ Here's ~~the~~ Babson's explanation for his advice.

Says he: "If we fail to balance the budget, inflation is inevitable. On the other hand, if we insist on balancing the budget, trouble is inevitable." Then he adds: "The only way this paradox can successfully be ^{met} ~~made~~ is by a united front of Republicans and Conservative Democrats."

BUSINESS

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Here's an indication of how business affairs are picking up. It comes from Detroit. The Buick division of General Motors is buying thirty-five thousand tons of steel. That's just for the next three months, to build new cars within ninety days. Buick also has put four thousand additional men on the payroll. And Chrysler has already started making its Nineteen Thirty-Nine models.

SAFETY

There's some comfort in the report issued by the National Safety Council. The effort to cut down motor car accidents is meeting with a fair ~~measure of~~ success. In the first seven months of this year, the number of deaths was considerably lower than for the same period last year, lower by four thousand, five hundred and twenty. And, says the National Safety Council, that's due in a large measure to the good work of American newspapers. Of all ^{the} states in the union, Wyoming made the largest cut in casualties, forty-five per cent less than in Nineteen Thirty-Seven. Pennsylvania and Michigan come next.

LEWIS

The feud between the two ~~big~~ labor chiefs ~~of America~~ flared
up again violently. Last week William Green, President of the
A. F. of L.,
~~American Federation of Labor,~~ had some harsh words to say about
his enemy, John L. Lewis of the *C. I. O.*
~~Committee for Industrial Organization.~~
Today ~~Mr.~~ Lewis came back at ~~Mr.~~ Green. One of the mildest terms he
applied to his adversary was, ~~stark~~ "traitorous renegade."
And ~~Mr.~~ Lewis said further: "United Mine Workers spawned ~~Mr.~~ Green
and for many years fed him. Since he resigned, he consorts with
its enemies and slanders the union that fed him."

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The tempers of lawyers were again ~~at~~ ^{at} high tension ^{today} during the trial of Tammany leader, Jimmy Hines, in New York. District Attorney Tom Dewey ^{'s} ~~became more annoyed at defense counsel Lloyd Straker than he had ever been before.~~ His eyes snapped as he blurted out in angry terms: "I'm getting tired of Mr. Stryker's tactics."

Defense Counsel
~~Then~~ Stryker jumped to his feet and said: "I'm getting tired of being insulted by the District Attorney."

~~As before,~~ Supreme Court Justice Pecora put a stop to hostilities, *saying:* ~~The judge said:~~ "Come, come, gentlemen, you mustn't be so oversensitive." ~~And then he added:~~ "Counsel on both sides," *he commanded,* "will sedulously avoid making any comments to each other."

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The cause of it all was the testimony of a ^{one time} ~~witness who~~ *of a hotel* ~~had once been a hotel~~ manager at Bridgeport, Connecticut. He said he ~~had seen~~ ^{saw} Hines with Dutch Schultz at the Bridgeport hotel, in the late summer or early fall of Nineteen Thirty-Five. ^{This was important.} ~~The~~ ~~establishing of this fact is of considerable importance.~~ The witness Weinberg had testified that ~~it was~~ in Nineteen Thirty-Five ~~that~~ ~~Mr.~~ Hines met Schultz in Bridgeport and there accepted a

reduction of his fee to two hundred and fifty dollars a week.

One thing we learn today is that there'll be at least thirty more days of this, five weeks of testimony, five weeks of wrangling between counsel. So far it has been anything but a dull show.

PRISON

The tragic affair of the Philadelphia County Prison is now being investigated by three different sets of officials. The State Department of Welfare is sending experts to make a complete, scientific examination of the cell block where four prisoners are said to have been roasted to death. The district attorney's office today questioned two of the guards and the captain of the guards. The coroner issued a statement expressing the opinion that the superintendent of the prison was involved in the death of those four convicts. The superintendent declared that he had turned the steam off but it was turned on again behind his back.

SLOOP

Somewhere in the Caribbean, ~~she~~ a sailing vessel is drifting around, crippled and helpless. There are twelve passengers aboard her. The ship, ~~which is~~ a British sloop, left Grenada eight days ago, bound for Trinidad. Since then, she has not been seen in any port, ^{nor at sea. Q} ~~neither has any other vessel~~ ^{storm has been raging. Q} ~~seen her. But there has been a heavy storm in the~~ Caribbean mystery. and it is believed that she may be in a bad way.

SEVERSKY

~~At almost any moment now, we may hear of~~ a new airplane record. Major Alexander deSeversky ^{made it - flying} ~~is on his way~~ west in a new plane ~~that~~ he has just built. ^{Seversky} ~~Possibly he is already there.~~

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He left Floyd Bennett Field, New York, shortly after half past seven Eastern Daylight Saving Time this morning. He passed over St. Louis at six minutes to eleven, refueled at Kansas City, and took off at twelve twenty-two. Up to that time he had made the fastest flight ever known between New York and Kansas City, westward. *And on he went.*

~~Of course~~ The coast-to-coast eastbound record is held by ~~the indomitable~~ Howard Hughes. But from east to west, the fastest time ^{until today} ~~so far~~ was made by Roscoe Turner, who did it in eleven hours and a half.

Seversky ~~has been flying at an altitude of fourteen thousand feet.~~ When he took off ~~he~~ said he expected to make it in nine and a half hours, ^{two} ~~one~~ hours faster than Roscoe. *And here's the late word: - He made it in 10 hrs. + 3 mins. Breaking the record by about an hour and a half. ~~20 mins.~~*
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