

L.J. - Sunoco Thurs., July 13, 1939.

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Late this afternoon for a brief time the ill-fated submarine, the Squalus, once more saw the light of day. The ~~bow~~ bow ~~xxx~~ of the sunken submarine appeared above water and was in the open air, but only for a short time. The great salvaging operation off New Hampshire got the Squalus up--but down she sank again.

They're doing the raising job this way:- Seven great hollow pontoons filled with water are sunk and attached to the submarine by powerful lines. Then, with compressed air blown through pipe lines, the water is forced from the pontoons. They become buoyant and their buoyancy makes them lift, makes them raise the iron hull from the floor of the sea. That's what happened today. Compressed air forcing the air into the hollow ~~with the~~ sunken pontoons, they came to the surface and brought the Squalus with them--
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until its bow appeared above the water. But the weight of the sub was so great--there was too much pull on the lines. There was a snapping of lines, and down sank the Squalus once again. Now they'll have to do it all over again with stronger lines.

LABOR

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Tomorrow a labor committee will call on President Roosevelt and urge him to restore the prevailing wage in the W.P.A. This was announced today by President Green of the American Federation of Labor - ~~he will head~~ ^{who will} head the committee. W.P.A. workers are out on strike as a protest against the cutting of relief pay below the rates that prevail in various localities. ^{TF} The A.F. of L. President has declared that he does not approve of the strikes and that the A. F. of L. has nothing to do with them. But he and his organization do approve of the prevailing wage which the strikers demand. So tomorrow A. F. of L. President Green will ~~be~~ ^{the} head the committee that will call on the President and urge him to restore the ~~prevailing~~ prevailing wage - although the President has already announced that he is backing up the W.P.A. Administration against the strikers.

~~TF~~ ^{TF} In this affair the A. F. of L. is backed up by the C. I. O. though there's no outward collaboration between the two enemy organizations. And today the Socialist Party came out with a declaration in favor of the W.P.A. strikers.

Meanwhile, the dismissal of strikers from the relief rolls is going on ^{alone} in New York today more than three thousand

pink dismissal slips were sent out - employees cut off from

relief because they were ~~striking~~ striking. The total number of W. P. A. strikers is reported as approximately 93,000. The state of war in Harlan County goes on. Things

were quiet today in the face of a bristling array of weapons, Kentucky state troops on guard everywhere, as the authorities prepare to arraign two hundred and fifty striking coal miners, charged with violence committed in yesterday's rioting.

C.I.O. John Lewis, head of the mine union, made a demand today that the Federal Government ~~intervene~~ intervene in Harlan County. Lewis in a blazing and blistering communication sent to Attorney General Frank Murphy, denounced Governor Happy Chandler of Kentucky for sending state militia in to protect the mines against the strikers. In describing how Happy Chandler treats the miners, the Lewis statement says "HE ~~pursues~~ pursues and wounds them with the same ferocity and lack of restraint that characterizes the habits of the

Dominican dictator - referring to Gen. Rafael Trujillo who is in N.Y. today ~~at the Waldorf~~ at the Waldorf, surrounded by a heavy body guard - a dictator

on a visit to The Worlds Fair.

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Happy Chandler and Gen. Trujillo!

That's an interesting comparison, ^{John Lewis makes} seeing as how

~~General Trujillo~~, the strong man of the Dominican Republic,

is ^{here} ~~visiting the United States now~~ in behalf of Pan-American

cooperation.

In the General Motors strike at Pontiac, Michigan,

there was picketing today, but not so much as had been planned.

Lines were drawn around the plant, but the police kept the

way open for non-striking workers to get in. The C. I. O.

planned to defy a new state law with a big demonstration of

massed picketing, union delegations pouring in from other

towns. This didn't happen, because the marching picketers

from other towns were turned back.

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NEUTRALITY

The President today issued a scathing denial of a report that he and Secretary Hull are disagreeing on the neutrality question. We've been told the President intends to send a hot ~~xxx~~ neutrality message to Congress--trying to reverse the defeat he took in the matter of the arms embargo. The White House dislikes the arms embargo, and Congressional action is keeping it in. On top of this came the report that the President and ^{the} Secretary of State had disagreed about the form the President's ~~xxxxx~~ message to Congress should take--F. D. R. wanting to address the lawmakers with blistering words about neutrality, the Secretary fearing that any such strong talk would make Congress only the more stubborn about the arms embargo.

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This story ~~was carried by the United Press, and~~ today the President denied ~~it~~ in blistering terms. With long and varied phraseology he said repeatedly--there was nothing to it, no difference between himself and Secretary Hull in the neutrality affair. He said no White House ~~xxxx~~ decision had been made concerning the arms embargo, and that the story was altogether false. ^{And he made this denial} ~~And denial was made~~ with trimmings and denunciations.

SOVIET

A great victory is reported in Mongolia, where so many great victories have been reported lately - both sides doing the victorious reporting. Today it's the Red Army that's issuing shouts of triumph. (Moscow reports that Russian and Mongolian detachments have driven Japanese and Manchuk^uan invaders beyond the borders of Soviet Mongolia,) and there are plenty of details telling how successful the Red Army has been in defeating the Japanese.

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The Soviet bulletin of victory has some unkind things to say about the Japanese Army. It speaks of demoralization in the Mikado's regiments, and uses these words:- "The Japanese command not infrequently is compelled to hurl these ~~xx~~ troops into attack in a drunken state." This we might expect to ~~x~~ hear the Japanese deny with the words:- "Vile slander and brazen lies."

Today, however, it's the Soviet dispatch which uses those same words - to deny Japanese reports that the Red Army is using poison gas and germ bombs. "Vile slander and brazen lies," says the Red High Command.

Hong Kong
ADD FOREIGN

In the Far East the tension is dramatized by the news that the British are preparing to mobilize the people of HongKong, - mobilize all able-bodied men for defense. There are comparatively few Britishers in Hong Kong, but the population is a million - mostly Chinese. And these are to be trained as soldiers. To ~~XXXX~~ resist attack that could only come from Japan.

May. 1941. Dr. D. S. ...
and ... of high speed planes - the
man who plans to build a plane to
do 600 miles an hour has just returned
from Europe. He says the British now
hold a lead in the air, but that the
Germans are expecting to have it
again by autumn.

Things in Europe continue to point ominously ^{toward} ~~at~~ Autumn--the time named in predictions in the new war crisis, when Nazi Germany will have gathered in the summer crop. A dispatch from Paris declares that Hitler will have a million reservists under arms by the end of July--the reservists are being called up now, tens of thousands at a time.

And Britain is calling up reservists. London reports today that twelve thousand officers and men of the Naval Reserve have been summoned for fleet manoeuvres in August and September. The King's Navy will stage war games in conjunction with the King's Air Force. Full strength on the sea and in the sky--for a display of power, as autumn comes on.

Maj. Alex de Seversky, designer and flyer of high speed planes--the man who plans to build a plane to do 600 miles an hour, has just returned from Europe. He says the British now hold a lead in the air, but that the Germans are expecting to have it again by autumn.

PALESTINE

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There's word of a secret and illegal Jewish army in Palestine. This is told in the New York World Telegram today-- in an interview with a man who says he's a representative of the under-cover Jewish army. The secret military force is said to be modeled along the line of the Irish Republican Army, which, working in the dark, fought Britain for Irish independence and later battled against the Irish moderates. The purpose of the secret Jewish army in Palestine is the obvious one--to smash the British plan for making Palestine an Arab-controlled state, with the Jews in a permanent minority.

FRENCH JOURNALISTS

Paris reports the military arrest of two prominent French journalists, newspaper editors. They are charged with having dealings with spies - in particular a notorious German secret agent named Otto Abetz. This master spy is said to have operated in France for years, his particular job being to influence French opinion by manipulating French newspaper writing - breaking down national morale by corrupting journalism. Of the two editors under arrest, one is said to have got a hundred thousand dollars of German spy money, the other thirty thousand.

It looks bad when ^{the} journalism of ^a ~~the~~ nation can be bought for treasonable purposes by secret-agent-cash. ~~but then~~
~~journalism in France has a long history of scandal.~~

In a radio gram I have just received from Europe from the Whitney Carpenters, the world travelers of Bedford Hills they say they and the other passengers on the Yankee Clipper, all heard this broadcast while flying in mid-Atlantic.

AVIATION

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At Newfoundland today, a great trans-Atlantic airplane landed and another took off. The landing was made by the Yankee Clipper--completing the first scheduled trans-Atlantic sky voyage by the northern route. The big clipper planes have been flying between the United States and Europe for weeks, but they've been doing it by the southern route, via the Azores. Today's landing at Newfoundland completes the first scheduled direct flight between Ireland and the United States.

The sky giant which took off from Newfoundland bound for Europe is a fifteen ton military monster built in the United States for the British Air Force. ~~The~~ The huge flying boat flew from the Pacific coast, where it was built, made an ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ unscheduled stop at Buffalo, then on to Newfoundland--and tonight is winging its way across the North Atlantic to land in Ireland.

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A few of you may be interested in a radiogram I have just received from Europe. From the Whitney Carpenters, the world travellers of Bedford Hills. They say they, and the other passengers on the Yankee Clipper, all heard this broadcast while flying in mid-Atlantic. ~~Got it as perfectly~~ ^{clearly} as in Bedford Hills.

QUINTS

Word from Mexico indicates that the Dionnes may have competition--, the Carbonells. Quintuplets are reported in Mexico in the family of a Mexican newspaper man named Carbonell. The five babies at a birth are said to be normal and healthy, and doing nicely. They're assorted--three boys and two girls. So if Canada has its Dionne Quints, Mexico claims to have its Carbonell Quints. *But does Mexico have a Dr. Dafoe?*

LOTTERY

In Boston a lottery prosecution is on--fake lottery.

The operators are accused of running a game of chance that was thoroughly gyp. They sold tickets in a drawing that was a sheer fraud. They publicized lists of winners that were pure phoney-- mythical persons described as winning imaginary prizes. They misused the names of various persons of national prominence, as endorsing the lottery flimflam.

Just a big swindle, say the authorities, and what a big one. It is described as having been nationwide to the tune of twenty million dollars, and it involved false baseball pools, crooked sweepstakes, and cheating Treasury balance pools. A hundred witnesses are to be called to testify, and the grand jury will be asked to indict seventy defendants. The amount of evidence collected by Post Office inspectors weighs five tons. Yes, big is the word--big bamboozle.

There's an old slogan:- "it pays to advertise." And in Buffalo there's a candid young man who certainly beleives in that slogan. He put an ad in a Buffalo newspaper, a "job wanted" ad. Here's the way it reads: "Young man, burglar by trade, would like some different kind of work." ^{TP} The gifted young burglar wants to abandon burglary. Why? His ad explains that also: "Too much competition and too high a penalty is the reason for giving up my trade," says the ad. ^{TP} Too much competition in burglary - well, well. And as ~~far~~ for too high a penalty - he explains today that he's just out of Dannemora prison. He is twenty seven years old, and has spent ten years of the ^{se} twenty seven in jail.

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~~No doubt, by reason of~~ change, ^a ~~and~~ contrast, the

bright young burglar would like to get into some line of business that's utterly and one hundred percent honest, without the minutest iota of flim-flam. But what kind of business is that?

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CAR

There's marvelment and mystification at Leominster, Massachusetts, motor car mystification. Today a salesman stopped his car at the foot of Lowe Street Hill. That hill is a gradual incline which slopes upward in the middle of the town for about a mile. The salesman's car with the ignition shut off, started backing up the hill, for no apparent reason, all of its own accord. Without any power of motor, it backed all the way up the hill, to right near the top. And there it stopped - of its own accord and for no apparent reason.

By an odd~~xx~~ coincidence in a book that I recently wrote in collaboration with Rex Barton called "In New Brunswick We'll Find It," Rex Barton and I had a similar experience -- near Moncton, New Brunswick, up there at the head of the Bay of Fundy where the tide rises higher than anywhere else in the world. Our ~~x~~ car backed right up Magnetic Hill. Sounds like a tall story, doesn't it? Yes, and so does this news item that comes in today from Leominster, Massachusetts. The bulletin that has just come in over the wire states that the

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people of Leominster flocked to the hill out of curiosity,
among them Street Superintendent Herbert Lawson. Superintendent
Lawson parked his car at the foot of the hill, shut off the
ignition, threw the gears into neutral, and left the ~~brakes~~
brakes unset. And lo and behold - his car went backing up
the hill, propelled by that unknown power. And the same
thing happened to the autos of other motorists - backing up
the slope without rhyme or reason at speeds from five to ten
miles an hour.

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"It's beyond me," declares Street Superintendent
Lawson, "I've never known anything like this to happen before.
It's anyone's guess as to what's causing it."

Some of the Leominsterites are guessing - magnetism
in the hill. But it's anybody's guess all right - your own,
for example. What do you think about it -- and,

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SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.