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Memorial Day is a ^mtime when even the most frivolous
 may pause for a solemn ~~brooding~~ ^{So} thought. [^] Even a writer
 of light verse may turn to ^{a moody} ~~dark~~ lyric. There's Wilfred
 Funk, who has just brought out a poetic volume entitled --
 "It might Be Verse." I saw him recently, he said ^{he would} ~~send~~ [^]
 me a lyric for Decoration Day, and it turns out to be no
sparkling bit of levity. It pictures for us a mother who
 while today's parades went by, spoke ^{a prayer} ~~in~~ these words:-

"I kneel in prayer.

I have a son,

Just one,

And, oh, so dear.

Why must I hear

The beat

of Marching feet

Along the street

Out there;

And the ghostly ^{sound} ~~horror~~ of those distant drums."

Reminding us

~~Those verses are a reminder~~ that this Memorial Day

is not only a day of memories of the past, but also of
 anxieties of the future.

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GOLD

A significant item comes from London, about the money market. The price of gold ^{is} ~~went~~ down, ~~considerably.~~ You may ask, what of it, how does that interest us? The meaning is that the money sharks in the London market, whose business it is to feel the pulse of world affairs, believe that the international situation is quieter, less chances of war.

CHINA

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While Americans were celebrating the most devastating of their wars, the Chinese were getting ready for the most terrific battle in their history. The stage is all set in the Far East for a show-down battle. Chiang Kai-shek has a million of his best troops from Central China lined up to face the Japanese invaders. The immediate object of the battle is to save Hankow, the present seat of the Chinese government.

The fate of Lieutenant-General Doihara is still in doubt.

He's the man
~~That's the Japanese~~ who is called the "~~Colonel~~" T.E. Lawrence of the Far East." His Fortieth Division, seven thousand strong, is fighting with its back to the Yellow River. The Chinese had him hemmed in for days. But as they ~~do~~ *have* only ~~got a few~~ *a little* artillery of ancient vintage, they ~~hadn't~~ *haven't* been able to put in the finishing blow. And now two Japanese divisions are fighting their way along the *the Nipponeal Lawrence of Arabia,* railroad to save ~~Doihara~~. ~~But the latest report is that the Chinese have split Doihara's forces in two. That they're shut off from communication with the Japanese columns that are rushing to the defense.~~

MEXICO

Cedillo
That ~~is~~ rebellion in Mexico seems to have peatered out. —

~~It has practically~~ shrunk to a manhunt, a dragnet in the brush—

A hunt for the
covered hills. ~~for its~~ leader. General Sath^{ur}mino Cedillo, the

would-be war-lord, is hiding with a small band of his ~~most~~

~~devoted~~ followers. The Federalist troops have them surrounded.

It's a small circle that they've drawn now. However, Cedillo

must have a pretty good hiding place. The pilots of ^{Federal} army planes

have been flying all over the region ~~in~~ but haven't been able to

detect a single spot that looks like the rebels' cave of ^{Adullam} Adullam.

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However, Cedillo faces another danger. This is ~~his~~ his first campaign since the days of Villa. He's in poor health, has suffered from heart disease for ten years. Exposure and exertion might prove more fatal to him than the bullets of the government soldiers.

AUSTRIA

A regular mystery has sprung up concerning the whereabouts of Kurt Schuschnigg, until a short time ago Chancellor of Austria. This morning it was reported that he had been removed to Leipsig, where the high court of Germany sits. Official Nazidom denies it, says he's still at his estate at Belvedere, not far from Vienna. Witnesses said they saw him and some of his companions being taken away in two closed cars by officers of the Gestapo, the dreaded Nazi secret police. A correspondent of the United Press went to Belvedere to check up. He found ~~that there was~~ no trace of Schuschnigg there; *also* that the guards *who* ~~had~~ formerly surrounded the estate ~~of~~ had been removed. *and* the place was bare of furniture.

NAZI

The other day Congress voted an investigation of Un-American groups - with emphasis on the organization of Hitler's followers in America. Today, a West Coast meeting of these bund members demanded that a Congressman be investigated. They charge that Representative Dickstein of New York is attacking at the German-American Bund because he has what they call "relations with Moscow."

The convention of Hitler followers was held at San Francisco, with their leader dressed in the silver shirt uniform of a Storm Trooper. The cops had a hard job protecting the Nazi gathering. The hall where it was held was picketed by a multitude of men and women who shouted, "Down with Hitler!"

The head of Hitler's Storm Troopers on the Pacific Coast presented a program for putting the United States back on its feet. They demand that we break off diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia. Also that President Roosevelt issue an edict ordering the recall of all Americans fighting in Spain.

And the Western Hitlerites also insist upon the dismissal of all Jews who occupy positions of any importance in the government.

WASHINGTON

Congressmen ~~of course~~ passed Memorial Day pretty much like the rest of us. They played golf, they went fishing. A few of them even observed the holiday as it was intended to be observed, helping to revive memories of the war between the States. In between times, however, they were still talking hopefully of an adjournment by June Tenth. So it might be appropriate to take a look at the congressmen's calendar and see how they have ^{been getting} ~~put~~ along with their job.

The most important ^{item} is President Roosevelt's pet, the Wages and Hours Bill. That's all ready for a conference, for members of the House and Senate to meet and iron out their differences. Then there's the recovery measure. The House has passed it, and the Senators will start polishing it up tomorrow. ^{And,} ~~They're~~ ^{do} doing something they don't much like to do, clamp ^{down} a limit on their debate.

Another important piece of work that they ^{must} ~~are~~ finish is the Deficiency Appropriation Bill. That's still in the ^{hands of the} Ways and Means Committee of the House which has to originate all such measures. The Committee is expected to report it to the House tomorrow or Wednesday.

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FARLEY

Folks in Washington today were asking whether Sunny Jim Farley may not be preparing to follow the example of a precious Postmaster General.. As you know, the so-called czar of the movies - Will Hays used to be a postmaster General in the bygone days of President Harding. But Jim is not mentioned as a possible czar in the flicker world. The talk is -- he may go to Hollywood, and go Hollywood, -- be an actor.

All this conjecture arised because of an announcement from Hollywood. The American Magazine will soon publish the story of Mr. Farley's life. And today the word is that the movie rights to that biography have been bought by a Hollywood producer. So the question naturally is, " Who can act the part of Sunny Jim for the camera and sound machine better than Sunny Jim himself," That certianly would be a novelty in our picture temples.

And the idea might help Editor Sumner Blossom draw attention to that series in the American.

A South American ex-diplomat, was arrested in Switzerland today, at Zurich. The Swiss Police say he's a drug smuggler whom Uncle Sam's Bureau of Narcotic have been hunting for years. The story sounds like a yarn by a fiction writer. For the prisoner is a gentleman of polished manners, and high social position. He was at one time in the diplomatic service of Peru.

His background gave him a tremendous advantage in his ugly game. He was armed with a weapon most invaluable to a smuggler a diplomatic passport, Commissioner Anslinger of the United States Narcotic Bureau, says he made six drug-running trips to America. Once he came ~~in~~ in by way of Miami, another time by way of Montreal; he usually chose a different port. And in those six trips he smuggled in no less than a ton and a half of heroin.

So former diplomat Carlos Fernandez Bacula made a sinister contribution to the curse of drug addiction in the United States.

The police knew for years what he was up to. Not only our police, but those of France, Germany and Switzerland. But in the case of a man with such a top-lofty background, even the cops have to step wearily. They were on his trail innumerable times. But they never could definitely pin what is called a rap on the diplomat. At one

time or another he was connected with various mobs of American public enemies. One of his drug-business associates was a rat-like person, once notorious in New York, now more or less forgotten. We used to see his name in the headlines occasionally as Legs Diamond.

Senor Bacula arrested today on a warrant issued by the authorities at Geneva. They traced drug shipments from Vienna to the United States. And the trail led straight to the doorstep of that Peruvian ex-diplomat.

WEATHER

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Storms ~~are beginning to rage~~ in the Atlantic, ~~and off the~~
~~east coast.~~ Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau hoisted warnings today.
Vessels are advised to beware, particularly between Cape Hatteras
and Atlantic City. And it's dangerous for small craft all the way
north as far as Nantucket.

Evidently this is an echo of what's happening on the other
side of the Atlantic. The waters of the English Channel were whipped
to a fury by a ~~gale growing at~~ seventy-two miles ^{gale.} an hour. Vessels
were in danger all the way off the south coast of England. ~~The~~ Seas
~~were~~ so high that the giant QUEEN MARY was unable to land her
passengers at Plymouth.

However, the weather brought one relief to the English.
For three months they have been suffering from a drought. In many
parts of the United Kingdom the water supply was becoming exhausted.
The rain that finally poured down, came with a vengeance. The
torrent from the sky was so terrific that conduits were flooded,
while trees were uprooted by the gale.

While over here,
in this section it was a perfect
Decoration Day week-end.

VETERANS

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High over the battlefield of Gettysburg an airplane flew today, and in ^{it} two men looked down on the battlefield where they fought in opposing armies seventy-three years ago. * William Jackson, now 95, was a Maryland soldier ~~who~~ ~~served~~ at Gettysburg in the battalions ~~with~~ that Lee commanded. Peter Smith was in Meade's army, a New York regiment. Today as part of the ceremonies at Gettysburg, the aged veterans of the Blue and the Grey were taken ~~along~~ aloft in a Pennsylvania Central airliner, and from the sky above Gettysburg they strewed memorial flowers to float down on that field of memories.

RACE

Superstition came ~~to~~ ^{true} today ~~at~~ Indianapolis in the five hundred mile motor classic. The belief is that nobody wins that terrific speed contest two years running. It certainly has been true so far. Last year, ~~as fans may recall,~~ Wilbur Shaw of Indianapolis made a big hit with the crowd by winning the race to set a new record. So he was a favorite today, before the race started. *But he didn't win.*

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The man who ~~was~~ ^{was} second last year was Floyd Roberts of California. ~~He had finished fourth in Nineteen Thirty Four~~ *Then he* ~~and last year was his third attempt.~~ Although ~~he~~ had a broken arm, *yet* ~~he~~ drove a brilliant race ~~and~~ and had to give up when only ten miles short of the finish.

Today ~~the tables were turned when~~ Floyd Roberts came in first, set a new time record and a new speed average record. His average was almost four miles an hour faster than the mark set by Wilbur Shaw last year. ~~It's worth noticing how these records are steadily improved year after year.~~

~~That's the climax of twenty two years of racing for~~
~~Floyd Roberts.~~ He won today with only one trip to the pit. And that one he made in record time, he was only off the track

thirty seconds. ~~Just~~

~~Just~~^Q bad accident marred the day at Indianapolis.

Emil Andres of Chicago went into a spin at one of the turns.

A tire flew off his wheel, flew into the stand and killed a

spectator. Andres himself was injured ~~in the head~~ but not seriously.

BASEBALL

The highlight in today's baseball was in New York today. Fans who went to the Yankke stadium saw not only two ball games - a double header -- but a fist fight on the diamond, to the delight of a crowd of some eighty thousand people.

It happened in the fourth inning of the first game of that double-header. The Yankees had been staging one of their old time slug fests. They banged the ball so hard and so often, that the formidable Robert Moses Grove, commonly ~~ix~~ known as Lefty, was sent to the showers. Up came a new pitcher to relieve him, Mr. Arthur McKain, also a left-hander. Jake Powell, the Yankee outfielder, was at the bat. He was hit on the leg by one of McKain's first pitches. Jake started with fire and clenched fists, toward the pitcher's mound. Pitcher ~~Mc~~Kain met him halfway. They grabbed each other as if they were going to dance or maybe wrestle. Thereupon Joe Cronin, the manager and short-stop of the Red Sox, sprinted in to separate them. Like all peacemakers, he got the worst of it. Jake Powell turned the pitcher loose and took a swing at Joe. In a few seconds, the Yankee diamond was almost smothered in ball players of both teams separating the fighters.

The blue-clad empires settled the dispute by bending both Joe

Cronon and Jake Powell to the showers. But Jake didn't feel like bathing. Instead of going to the showers, he ran underneath the stands, laid in wait for Joe and started throwing fists once more. That started the hullabaloo all over again and time was called while the Yankee players separated the fighters once again.

Who won? Well, there was no decision. Manager Cronin had a couple of scratches on his face; fighting Jake? Not a mark. Just some extra excitement for the fans - and the players.

BABIES

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Up in Toronto, ~~Mrs.~~ John Nagle has been ~~one of those~~ without a job for five years. He is a carpenter and a good one, but couldn't get any work. Tonight he has a hundred thousand dollars, at least his wife has. She is one of the winners in that famous Baby Marathon that was started by the will of that ironic joker, Charles B. Millar.

The ~~long~~ long dispute has finally been ended by a Canadian judge. The half million dollars left by facetious ~~Mr.~~ ^{Charles} Millar has been split among four ladies. Each of them gets a hundred thousand dollars.

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The First thing
~~One of them is~~ Mrs. John Nagle, ~~the~~ ^{is} The first thing she ^{is} going to do with her hundred thousand is ~~to~~ buy a bigger home. With their twelve children she and her husband have been living in a six room house.

Another winner, who has fourteen children alive, is going to buy a farm for them to live on.

And so
~~That~~ ends one of the most curious squabbles ever presented to test the wits of a judicial Solomon.

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