

STEEL

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It's a relief to be able to talk about peace ^{somewhere.} ~~in one direction,~~
~~at any rate.~~ The dove flutters gaily over the steel industry. The

Union contracts were renewed today, with no reduction of wages.

The new contracts were signed between the ~~S.W.O.C., the~~ steel workers' organization committee, and four subsidiary companies of United States

Steel: ~~These four subsidiaries are~~ Carnegie-Illinois, ~~Steel Corporation,~~

American Steel and Wire, ~~Company,~~ National Tube, ~~Company and the~~

Tennessee Coal, ^{and} Iron, ~~and Railroad Corporation.~~ Similar contracts *are*

to be signed at Pittsburgh on Friday with ~~the~~ Columbia Steel ~~Company.~~

~~Their~~ ^W wages and hours ^{to} remain the same. ~~But~~ there's a new

clause in the contract: ~~By that~~ ^{to} either the Union or the Companies

can at any time ask for negotiations to modify any part of the

contract. In other words, the way is left open for changes in wages

and hours.

Curiously enough, on the same day these contracts were renewed, the steel companies lowered their prices. On some products

~~they are~~ four dollars a ton less than ~~they were~~ yesterday.

GARDINER

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For some days the political prophets of Washington have been finding a new job for Max Gardiner, former governor of North Carolina. They've been predicting that he would be the first salaried president of the New York Stock Exchange. They based ^{this} ~~is~~ largely on grounds of his close friendship and support of President Roosevelt, also his friendship with one of the members of the Securities and Exchange Committee. ~~This morning~~ ^{Today} the announcement was ^{finally made} ~~made~~ ^{will} ~~definitely~~ ~~that~~ Mr. Gardiner ~~would~~ get the job.

^{But} Tonight ~~is~~ Gardiner himself denies it flatly. "The presidency of the Exchange has not been offered to me", he declared ^S ~~d~~. "What is more, I am not and have not at any time been a candidate."

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BUSINESS

That conference of small business men in Washington ~~is~~ ^{is}
~~going~~ to bear fruit after all. The government ~~is going~~ ^{plans} to help them
in systematic fashion. Secretary Roper has been working ~~for~~ ^{to} this
end with Chairman Jesse Jones of the Reconstruction Finance
Corporation, ~~They're~~ drafting a plan for government loans to small
business men.

RELIEF

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Last week we heard encouraging news about relief. Secretary Morgenthau said no extra appropriations will be needed. Today we hear from the White House that this was a little optimistic. President Roosevelt is preparing a special message to Congress, asking for an ~~extra~~ extra hand-out. It will be forthcoming tomorrow or Friday. Apparently the White House doesn't know exactly how large the sum will be. But from the informant known as "authoritative sources," we hear that it will be anywhere between two hundred and three hundred millions.

This has been foreshadowed for some time despite the hopeful reports from the Treasury.

BERLE

Well, well, here's the Brain Trust returning to Washington, at any rate, part of it. Adolph A. Berle Junior of New York is to be Assistant Secretary of State. President Roosevelt sent his nomination to the Senate today. He was one of the first ^{of the} original crop of Brain Trusters to ~~sweep~~ swoop down upon the Capitol. That was in the historic electrical days of 1933 when that New Deal honeymoon was still going strong and professors swarmed like wasps around a picnic lunch. ^{TR} Mr. Berle was a particular pal of Professor Raymond Moley who was the New Deal's first Assistant Secretary of State, and who quit it is said because he couldn't understand the word "Assistant." ~~Newspaper correspondents not only say but write freely that Mr. Berle is Washington achieved an all time low so far as his popularity before the State was concerned.~~ (From ~~Washington~~ ^{Berle} ~~he~~ went back to New York City to do brain work for Mayor LaGuardia as City Chamberlain of Gotham. ~~Almost his first action was to announce that his office was useless and should be abolished.~~ ^{But} ~~His advice was not followed.~~ ~~But that was his story and he stuck to~~

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In the State Department he is to replace the
suave and knowledgeable Hugh Wilson, now our Ambassador
extraordinary and Envoy ^{plenipotentiary} ~~procuratory~~ to the Court of Hitler.

NAVAL HEARING

For several days the Naval Committee of the House has been hearing reasons why Uncle Sam should have bigger fleets. Today the pacifists ^{began their} ~~started the~~ ⁱⁿning. The first batter up was Miss Janet Rankin formerly Representative from Montana now Legislative Secretary for the National Council for the ~~XXXX~~ prevention of war. She was one of the few members of Congress ~~ix~~ who voted against our ~~jumping~~ ^{getting} ~~back~~ into the European mess ^{Today} in 1917. ^{She} urged the committee to consider that "an abnormal naval program is intensely ~~by~~ ^{international dissention} ~~internal dimensions~~ and distrust". ^{Said she: -} "It will increase the speed with which humanity is driving into the general destruction of another world war."

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and most distinguished
Miss Rankin was followed ~~ix~~ at the plate by a ^{learned} professor. ^{None other than} ~~it was~~ Doctor Charles A. Beard ^{famous} the historian. ~~and a good one~~ His argument was that the big naval program was suggested by the President for the carrying out of his quarantine policy ~~which he~~ ^{the} proclaimed in ~~his~~ Chicago speech. ~~ix~~ "The object foremost in the President's mind" said ~~M~~ Professor Beard is to maintain peace by the weight of American diplomacy and arms".

And he followed ~~it~~ ^{that} up with the suggestion that the battleship program was far too big for ~~just to be used merely for~~ ^{mere} defense, but not big enough to allow the United States to pass judgement on all the quarrels in Europe and Asia, quarantine the wicked and employ the army and navy to make good the quarantine when it is defied. Dr. Beard called *quarantine aggression.*

Brother Bruce Bliven of the New Republic was the third man ~~at~~ bat. He told the Congressmen the navy program means an aggressive political policy ~~which~~ for the United States. (That seemed to annoy ~~the~~ ^a California Congressman *who*

Editor:
~~He~~ asked ~~the~~ ^{the} Bliven: "Who are the experts who are giving you the low down that the Navy is going to be used for aggression."

The Editor
~~Mr. Bliven~~ admitted he had no ~~ifn~~ information from experts, he was just drawing his own ^{*editorial*} inferences.)

MURRAY

Last night, if you will recall, Secretary Hull issued the most categorical denial that there was any commitment, secret or otherwise, between John Bull and Uncle Sam in case of war. *Which* ~~it~~ appears to have escaped the attention of at least one distinguished English gentleman. The brilliant and erudite

Professor Gilbert Murray is one who obviously did not hear it.

today
For [^]he told the National Liberal Club that "Great Britain has assured the United States of support in the event of direct action in the Far East." Then he continued:- "The trouble is that it was a confidential communication ~~that~~ with the government which most people here do not know of." He said further:- "And the great American public does not know it or believe it for a moment."

Professor Gilbert Murray is perhaps the most celebrated

living Greek scholar. His translations of the plays of Euripides *and Sophocles* into English verse have been *acclaimed as masterpieces.* ~~read with pleasure and have formed~~

~~the success of many stages. The critics said the prof wasn't so hot when it came to Sophocles. And our own Secretary Hull intimates that the prof isn't so hot when it comes to international politics.~~

Naturally, that astounding statement of Dr. Murray's was

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A promptly taken to the State Department at Washington. ^{Sec. Hulls} His reply was that one reason why the world has the jitters is that everybody in every country is trying to talk at the same time on international matters without knowing what they are talking about.

JAPAN

The Japanese government is preparing its reply to Uncle Sam, John Bull and France; ^{An answer} ~~It's a reply~~ to the notes asking, "What's the truth about your navy ^{al} plans?" The word from Tokyo is that ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the answer will be "none of your business." Expressed, of course, in polite language.

One official of the Tokyo Foreign Office uttered a comment on the proposed increase of ^{the U.S.} ~~Uncle Sam's~~ navy. He asked that his name shouldn't be mentioned, and said:- "Japan is unable to understand the reason for American naval expansion since the United States is considered impregnable." And he added that our industrial resources are considered to be the greatest in the world, that no country is threatening America, and ^{why should Uncle} ~~that there's no reason~~ ^{Sam} ~~for our~~ ^{his} ~~increase~~ ^{he} ~~we~~ ^S intend to quarantine or police the world.

CHINA

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One of the surprises in the war of the Far East has been the united front offered to the Japanese by Chinese of all parties. ^{Now it} ~~It~~ begins to look as though that united front were beginning to crumble. Wrangling and discontent have broken out in the Chinese lines. ^{TP This is not} ~~That isn't~~ merely a statement from Japanese sources. It's confirmed by the Chinese. They say that the troops who used to be led by Marshal Chang, the man who kidnapped Chiang Kai-shek, have revolted. ^{That's what} ~~It was that which~~ enabled the Japanese to take the City of Hwaiyuan so easily.

And there's trouble in other sectors too. It is reported that a hundred Chinese at Kaulung were summarily executed for taking Japanese money, to conspire against the Chinese government.

From a different direction comes a report that the Kuomingtang, the Chinese National Party, is at loggerheads with the Communists.

PROPAGANDA

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German newspapers had a chance to be sarcastic at the expense of the British Government today. It was all about that announcement from Downing Street regarding the formation of an official Ministry of Propaganda. Coupled with this announcement came the statement that it was a new departure. Even in America that seems to call for a smile. Many of us can remember the almost fabulous effectiveness of British propaganda in America during the World War.

Hitler's own newspaper declares that it is "really excess modesty if the British press now tries to ~~EXHALE~~ give the impression that only totalitarian states conduct international propaganda." And it continues:- "A complete survey would doubtless reveal that British propaganda is ahead of all the countries, even in the most recent past. It is only the coordination of propaganda agencies in England that is new," says Berlin.

IRELAND

~~There was~~ an election in Ireland and ~~so far~~ not a head cracked! ^{An Ulster election.} It all concerned ~~it was, as a matter of fact, only the people of Ulster~~

~~that were voting.~~ And it's a thorny question, fraught with trouble;

~~that they're trying to settle.~~ Shall north and south Ireland be

united? "Yes," pleads President Eamon de Valera, ^{of the South.} "No," respond ~~the~~ the Unionists ^{of the North.}

~~Party hopes, and the Unionists,~~ ^{And they} claim that the ballots have been

running in their favor throughout all the six counties of northern

Ireland. ^{It} It's curious, by the way, that the Unionist Party should

be for the separation between north and south Ireland. ^{For} The party was named in behalf of union — but ^{union between} ~~is so named because it stands for union with Ireland~~ England and Ireland.

Lorry-loads of armed constabulary stood by, ready to be rushed in any direction. But, from latest reports, there was mighty little work for them. The people of Ulster voted peacefully.

AVIATION

A new step was made today in air traffic across the ~~Atlantic. I mean this time the~~ South Atlantic. There's to be a regular passenger service from Paris to Buenos Aires. It will begin this summer. ~~It will be a~~ Regular weekly ~~service in~~ seaplanes weighing fifteen tons, each carrying eight passengers and flying *at* two hundred miles an hour. The distance, nine thousand miles, will be covered in four days.

POLAR

There is better news today from the Arctic about those four Russian scientists, afloat on ^{that} ~~a~~ melting ice floe. Their radio is working again. A message was received from them ~~xx~~ by the wireless station at Tronso on the northwest coast of Norway. In it they explained they had been going through a terrific polar storm. The gale was so fierce that their tent was completely ~~xxx~~ destroyed. ^{That} ~~They~~ put the transmitter out of commission. But, now they have repaired it and our able to communicate once more. ^{TP} Their floating islet of ice has reached ^a ~~the~~ point where they can clearly see the ^{coast} ~~xxxx~~ of Greenland. The inference is that they'll try to navigate their flow toward the ~~xxxx~~ coast.

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STORM

The coast of California ~~was~~ hit by a furious storm today. A gale blowing at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour, blew down ~~small~~ buildings, ~~smashed windows~~ in several cities, uprooted trees, disturbed communications, and tied up traffic. The waves were so enormous in San Francisco Bay that a Coast Guard boat capsized. Airport hangars were blown down and garages destroyed. ~~The~~ Telephone and telegraph lines ~~were~~ down ~~in~~ San Francisco, Oakland, Berkley, San Jose, and many other *Coast* cities. ~~on the coast~~ In Tehama County, the Sacramento River overflowed its banks and flooded hundreds of acres of farmland.

CHICAGO

The deadly staccato of tommy guns startled ^{the} ears of Chicago folks again. Another battle of criminals was fought ^{at} ~~the~~

Chicago Heights. That particular neighborhood, ~~I am told~~, hasn't had ^a ~~any~~ serious outbreak of gang warfare in ^{some} ~~two~~ years. Three men walked into a bakery on the South side. ~~But~~ The police say it was headquarters for a mob engaged in the slot machine racket.

As they entered, the invaders said:- "Where's Sam Costello?"

A man stepped forward, ^{and} the intruders ^{opened fire,} ~~set fly with their weapons.~~ They kept ^{their} ~~those deadly~~ machine ^{guns} rattling for a full minute, then fled.

As the smoke cleared away, four men lay ~~wounded~~ on the floor. The leader, Sam Costello, died instantly, ~~with five bullets~~ ⁵⁸⁷² ~~in his stomach.~~ The others were all badly wounded. But, they refused to say who shot them.

HOOVER

Aboard the United States liner WASHINGTON, Europe-bound today,
was former President Hoover. He is on his way to the ^{scene of his} ~~scene of one~~
~~world war triumph—bound for~~ [^] [^] [^]
~~of his most unforgettable achievements,~~ Belgium. ~~He is~~ going to
attend ~~a triumphal~~ ^{ice} ceremony given in his honor by the Belgian
government, ~~It's offered to him and his associates for the work~~
~~they did~~ administering Belgian relief, ~~during the big war.~~

59 → Reporters tried to wangle a statement out of him on
political questions. But, said he, "I shall have nothing to say
on public questions until after I return."

~~This~~ ^{his} ~~incidentally~~ ~~it~~ will be ~~the~~ first visit to Belgium since
~~he left there in~~ Nineteen Nineteen.

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to say on any question — until I
return ^{24 hrs. from now} and s-l-u-t-m.