

PLANE

The big plane has been found, a charred wreck --
all the occupants killed.

There was something dark and mystifying about the way the big ship with seven passengers aboard simply vanished from sight, in New York State, the most populous state of the land, one of the population centers of the world. It disappeared in the Catskills, a bare hour of flying time from Metropolitan New York city. For two days it was missing, while a frantic search was made on the ground and in the air. Planes from all the big flying fields scouted above the mountains. Navy planes soared north from the decks of the big mother ships anchored with the ~~fleet~~ fleet in the Hudson. But the missing air transport was found by a private flier who went scouting in his own machine.

The story of disaster is quickly told. In a dense fog the huge passenger plane got off its course up the Hudson River, and veered to the west over the rugged treacherous region of the Catskills. In the blinding mist, it crashed into the side of a

mountain, and caught fire. The place of the crash was an isolated section in the mountains of Sullivan County.

That accounts for the blank, blind disappearance and the two-day hunt.

It all points to a familiar fact of aviation -- that the one remaining danger to be conquered is fog. ~~That~~
The only real hazard ~~that~~ a well organized plane service has to face ^{is} the treacherous white mist that occasionally obscures the sky. ~~This truth is told in another way~~ ^{There are} ~~by~~ the unceasing scientific experiments to make flying machines safe from the white danger of the cloudy mist -- the conquest of fog. And they'll do it yet. They've almost done it now. Accidents like this last one are like a spur and a whip to the men who pry into the ways of nature and invent ^{cunning} ~~sums~~ instruments to do ~~mir~~ miraculous things.

STORM

There was plenty of advance warning about the storm in the Gulf of Mexico, plenty of time for the folks along the shores of the Gulf ~~of Mexico~~ to get prepared ~~ax~~ for the big wind. ~~that~~ ^{it} blasted across Central America with devastating ~~xxx~~ violence, the old wicked fury of a tropical hurricane.

~~R~~ The little Republic of El Salvador ^{got the worst of it.} There was a heavy loss of life and huge damage to property. And straight in the path of the hurricane were the rich Mexican oil fields around Tampico.

So the storm signals went winging by radio with swift warning for people as far north as our own Gulf Coast of Texas. With the Wireless warning came the warning of the waters of the Gulf, a raging sea and lashing waves that told of the big wind coming up from the South.

DOCTORS

From all over the country ~~they~~ today came expressions from prominent doctors, as the medical profession discussed the action of the American College of Surgeons. Or, I suppose, it was a case of laymen all over buttonholing doctors, and exclaiming:- "Say, Doc, what do you think?"

One angle is that the President's program of social reform has brought a quick response from the doctors. The President calls for old age pensions and unemployment insurance. The American College of Surgeons calls for health insurance, a form of community health insurance. They hope to provide better medical services for communities. A committee of the surgeons is studying the question and drawing up a plan.

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What the surgeons particularly want to do is to take care of those who are too poor to get adequate medical attention, those who are suspicious of doctors, the folks who can't afford proper hospital treatment, and those who live in outlying partsof the country, where ~~xx~~ prompt medical attention is not available.

The surgeons want to establish what in effect would amount to a national health clinic on a huge scale. And this

reminds one of the medical system in Soviet Russia.

STEEL

The deadlock in the steel industry, the deadlock between the employers and the men, has had one curious result. It has made the smoke ~~smoke~~ pour out of the factories of the steel plants at a faster rate than ever. Orders are pouring in. Several plants have increased their payrolls from twenty-five to forty per cent. In the Pittsburgh district, the mills are busier than they have been at any time in the last two years.

All this is interpreted to mean that customers are rushing to buy steel in case the government fails to prevent the strike. In that case, of course, there would be a shortage. So the buyers of steel are rushing in their orders by way of protecting themselves.

On top of the drought in the middlewest, a new complication is threatened in the wheat situation. All the big wheat growing countries in the world are worried about Argentina. The big South American ^{grain} republic has a huge surplus, after a whaling big crop. ~~The Argentine Republic~~ ^{It} was one of the countries that signed the wheat agreement, but the rumors now are that the Argentinians may have to go back on the agreement and throw the wheat ~~it~~ on the market - in other words, dump the agreement and dump the wheat.

That would make bread cheaper, but it would also complicate the already complicated ^{world wide wheat} ~~is~~ situation.

Get out your old Civil War history books, for

Lee and Grant have had another meeting -- not at Appomattox,
~~this time~~ ^{this time}, but at Gettysburg, ~~one of the famous battlefields.~~

It is news to make a fellow brush up eagerly on his Civil War history, when he hears ~~ix~~ about the latest Blue and the Grey episode -- the commencement exercises at Gettysburg College, with Dr. George Bolling Lee and Colonel Ulysses S. Grant, 3d receiving honorary degrees. Both are grand sons of the two famous Civil War Commanders-in-Chief.

No, Lee and Grant didn't meet at ~~any~~ Gettysburg during the Civil War. They met at Gettysburg ^{in collegiate fashion} at Baccalaureate time this year.

TOMB

The tomb of a President has been robbed. Vandals have broken into the sepulchre of William Henry Harrison, President of the United States, great old hero of the Indian wars and ~~hi~~ victor of the battle of Tippecanoe.

It sounds like a weird and ghoulish crime. But really it's not so sensational as all that.

Some landscape gardeners were working in a park near the tomb of the Indian fighter who became President. For safe keeping they locked their tools in the crypt where the coffin is kept. Some petty thieves were out to steal the tools, so they broke into the sarcophagus of the hero of Tippecanoe and ~~xi~~ swiped a few rakes, ^{hoes,} ~~hoes,~~ trimming shears and a lawn mower.

SOAP

Now I'll ask you another. How much soap do you use per year? Bet you can't guess, so here's the answer. You use about twenty-three pounds of soap per year.

This soapy information comes from a lather of ~~xx~~ figures given out by a German statistician. He's been figuring out -- who are the cleanest people in the world? And the answer to that is -- we are, on the basis of the consumption of soap. The English used to be, ^{the cleanest (James me bawth)} with ourselves second. But not any more. ~~Americans~~ Americans rank ^{foaming,} ~~a~~ sudsy first, with those twenty-three pounds of soap per year per person. Holland is next, with twenty-two pounds. Then Denmark, with twenty pounds. England is fourth, with only eighteen pounds.

Way down at the bottom of the list come Rumania and Bulgaria, with a mere four pounds a year or less -- hardly enough to blow bubbles.

WAR

The big question of the day the world over is: "Will there be another great war soon?" ~~And the answer is - yes and no.~~ In Washington, Frank B. Kellogg, Ex-Secretary of State, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, says: "No". To which he adds the highly optimistic sentiment: "Nations and peoples have come to their senses. They know that civilization would be ruined in another war."

But in Chicago, Baron Maurice Rothschild, of the famous banking family, says: "Yes". He speaks more as a Frenchman than as an international banker. Baron Rothschild lives in Paris and is a member of the French Senate. He declares: "It is Germany that is the greatest menace to world peace."

Yes and no - you pays your money and takes your choice.

JAPAN FOLLOW WAR

Maybe Mr. Kellogg would not be quite so optimistic if he contemplated the Far East more closely. For little reason or none at all, the quarrel between Japan and China might be fanned into a flame ^{at any time. For example by some little incident like this:} A flotilla of Japanese warships of the China squadron, appeared this morning in the Yangste River off Nanking, the Chinese capital. ~~And~~ The sight of the Japanese squadron created huge excitement in Nanking. But it is no greater than the excitement in Tokyo. The Japanese are in a ferment because of the mysterious disappearance of the Secretary of the Japanese Consulate in Nanking. This strange disappearance is why the Japanese warships sailed up the Yangste.

The melodramatic view taken in Tokyo is that the consular officer was abducted and killed by bandits. The Nanking government says "No" and is doing its utmost to find the missing diplomat. Japan says: "You've got to give our people better police protection, even if you have to double your police force." China replied: ^s "Really, we are doing our utmost."

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There is ~~one~~ thing that must be said for the Japanese government. It certainly goes to ~~the~~ bat ~~to~~ protect ^{for} its people. - ^{altho} it sounds mighty aggressive.

PARIS

The Premier of France is saying: "If this goes on, I'm going to dissolve Parliament." He means the riots in many parts of France over the weekend.

And that isn't all. The war veterans have given the government until July 8th to bring about drastic reforms. If the government does not make good by that date, the veterans say they will take a hand themselves. They mean business, they ^{shout} ~~say~~ direct ^{and viva la France!} action! That promises to add more trouble to France's bag of troubles, which is too full right now.

One odd phase of these ~~disturbances~~ disturbances in France is the varied character of the disturbers. Some are Communists, some are Fascists; some ^{are} those war veterans; and many are enthusiastic groups of students. — ~~and very~~ ~~determined these are.~~

And then on top of it all are the ~~several~~ civil service workers who are parading by the thousands, marching in protest against the government ~~wh~~ under which they serve.

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ITALY

The financial news from Italy is -- deficit.

The Duce's government expects a deficit for ~~the year~~ ^{the year to the tune} of four billion lire, which means, roughly speaking, about three hundred and fifty million dollars.

Over here a three hundred and fifty million dollar deficit would almost look like a surplus. But in Italy those are big figures, considerably bigger than had been expected.

So far Italy's new budget is unbalanced, but the word is that Mussolini is determined that it shall be balanced at all costs. ^{TR} The news of this Italian deficit comes along with the announcement that Italy is about to spend seventy million dollars on two monster warships! "We may run in debt, but we need the six shooters," seems to be the way they feel in ~~Italy~~ ^{Rome} -- and all over the world, for that matter.

RUSSIA

We are all familiar with the severe and even merciless ways of the Russian Soviets, such as shooting people for negligence and inefficiency. Here's a dispatch from Moscow that reminds one of the Red terror of the early Bolshevik regime.

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The Red dictatorship ^{of Russia} has passed a new law, according to which penalties ~~xx~~ for military treason will be inflicted, not only on the traitor himself, but also on his male relatives.

And right now the Moscow newspapers are heartily ~~af~~ defending this grim procedure, according to which -- if a soldier is not loyal to the Soviets, not only is he punished, but also his father and brothers and maybe even his uncles, cousins, and nephews. It is really the old hostage system. During the Civil War between the Reds and ^{the} ~~the~~ Whites, the Bolsheviks employed many former Czarist officers, and kept them loyal ~~to~~ by holding their families, so that if an officer betrayed the Reds his family would be killed.

This newest severity in the land of the Soviets seems to be a reflection of a new war scare. The Communist newspapers are saying that this hostage system was necessary, because

"the dark forces are carrying on feverish preparations for a new war," plotting to attack Russia. And they are trying to undermine the loyalty of the Red army. So they ^{Masters of Moscow} are trying to keep the Red army loyal, ~~but~~ by threatening the relatives of a disloyal soldier.

CUBA

And now - what have they in Havana? More trouble is what they have in Havana. This time it ~~was~~^{is} an attack on the residence of the German Minister, an attack by Communists.

It started because a German, a leader of the Young Communist League of Cuba, was thrown into jail by the government. The Communists retorted by staging a demonstration demanding the release of this German. Hence the attack on the German legation. That makes another uproar to increase the worries of President Mendieta's government. The odd feature is that it wasn't an American diplomatic official they attacked this time.

ENDING

There seems to be some pretty awful marksmanship in New York. A woman was shot and slightly wounded and an automobile was damaged by rifle bullets. There seems to be something of a mystery about it. Of course it is known who did the shooting. It was a salesman named Goldstein who, on the roof of a building, blazed away with a rifle. But what was he aiming at? At a target, says one report. While a second report says he was shooting in the air -- at the stars.

In any case, his aim was atrocious, for he hit ~~himself~~ neither the target nor the stars -- only ^{the} lady's leg and the side of an automobile.

Well, what I'm aiming at, and have been aiming at these last few ^{moments} ~~minutes~~ is the right ^{split-second instant on this clock} ~~time~~ to say --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.