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Here's the latest from the labor front, ~~in the home~~
And it's mostly
~~sector, and most of it~~ good news, quite a different picture
picture.

from yesterday's. First of all, the aluminum strike at

Detroit is over. ~~That's definite.~~ The men go back tomorrow,

All six of the Bohn Company's plants will be ~~xxx~~ reopened

and work will be resumed on the run. Not any too soon,

either, for already aircraft and engine plants all over

the ~~xxx~~ country were about to close down for lack of the

parts that the Bohn Company supplies. The defense mediation

Board was becoming highly wrought up over that Detroit strike,

called it serious threat to the country and issued a public

demand to both sides to at least resume work while the

negotiations were ~~xxx~~ going on. ^{TR} Any terms agreed upon

will be retroactive to June Ninth. A mass meeting of workers

voted by acclamation to go back to their jobs.

There was another strike in Detroit, at the plant

That one
of the Detroit Steel Products Company. ~~It~~ has been going on

since May Seventh, but today the Union voted to resume work.

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And, it looks like the end of that two-day walkout at the aluminum plant in Cleveland. A committee of ^{the} Dye casters got together and unanimously recommended to the union to put an end to that interruption of production. The aluminum plant will be producing again either at midnight tonight or seven o'clock tomorrow morning.

At Inglewood, California, the North American Aviation strike ~~is over~~ is conclusively ended. Uncle Sam's Colonel Branshaw, who is in command of the troops, declared definitely that all the workers are back on the job, returned ~~unconditionally~~ unconditionally. They thought better of their rather saucy demands yesterday that the ^{troops} soldiers should get out before they ~~would~~ would go back.

But the day at Inglewood ^{had some} was not without its excitement. Three of the negotiating committee who called that outlaw strike ~~was~~ were suspended. They made inflammatory speeches to their mates about the soldiers. They say they ~~went~~ went back into the plant to find out whether the soldiers were there to get production started or were there to break the

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union. And, said these union firebrands, they decided that the army was in the North American Aviation plant for a complete campaign to ~~bust~~ ^{smash union} morale. The men who ^{were} were kicked out by the Army reported that they were ~~xxxxx~~ nabbed by company police, deprived of their tools and identification cards, and put off the premises, told that they were ~~through~~ through. Nevertheless their comrades ~~were~~ went back to work.

At Washington, Senator Wheeler jumped into the ^{labor} discussion. He declared on the floor of the Senate that the failure to settle most of these ~~labor~~ disputes should be laid at the door of ~~imp~~ incompetent officials. In ~~incense~~ one recent strike at Los Angeles, ^{Sen.} Wheeler said - the federal mediator assigned to the case became intoxicated when he got there and stayed intoxicated all the time he was there. Wheeler did not say which strike it was. As for the Federal mediator, he said he was a professor from the East who had a title of an officer.

The first ~~part~~ parliamentary criticism of President

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Roosevelt's use of troops at Inglewood was heard in the Senate today. It came from Democratic Senator Pat McCarren of Nevada. He said it had caused the whole nation to lose dignity. And he added that he did not approve of the action of the President in using troops.

KNOX

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox today stated that the North American strike at Inglewood was one of the most serious threats this country has had. Then he repeated that a small but active minority is determined to prevent Uncle Sam from building an adequate national defense. Said the Secretary of the Navy:- "The challenge that the subversive and communistic elements have flung in our teeth for months has been accepted."

"From here on," he added, "the government of the United States will proceed against such subversive elements as they should be proceeded against -- that is as enemies of the country."

He made this statement today to some sixty representatives of aircraft factories and allied industries. He said the government is offering no challenge to the rights of labor unions, no attack on their collective bargaining rights. Just a challenge to those who abuse our national liberties.

In Washington and elsewhere, we learn, many people are saying that it is high time, that it's a secret to nobody that these Communist tactics are directed from Moscow, that every Communist Party member is an agent of the Kremlin, even though not so

registered at the State Department. And that the Ogpu has
thousands of agents in this country.

AIRPLANES

In the month of May one thousand three hundred and thirty-four fighting ~~air~~planes were turned out in the ~~U~~y

U.S.A. ^{Just} ~~that~~ ^{is} fifty-five less than in April. The ^{IP} total

number that has been delivered to the Army, the Navy, the

British, and other ~~xxxx~~ foreign customers, this year, so far, ~~is~~
^{comes to}
^ five thousand nine hundred and forty-seven. These figures

were released ~~xxx~~ today by the office of Production Management.

^{But}
^ The O.P.M. did not explain why the drop of fifty-five planes.

~~in a month. But people connected with aviation said it was~~

~~due to changes in models.~~

LEND - LEASE

Tonight we have

~~Here's~~ the President's first report to Congress

under the Lend-Lease Law. We have already transferred war materials worth seventy-five million dollars, actual shipments to Britain, also to China. But ~~prax~~ principally Britain.

In addition to this, we are turning over to the British two million gross tons of cargo ships and oil tankers. ^{which is} ~~That's~~

one reason why ^{here} people in the East ^{we-later on - the rationed} ~~may have to have their~~

^{on our} ~~gasoline rationed.~~ ^{TP} The President has also set aside five hundred

and fifty million dollars for the construction of new ships.

^{TP} Altogether, out of the sums that Congress put at his disposal

^{the President} under the Lend-Lease Bill, ~~he~~ has allocated four billion,

two hundred and seventy-seven million, four hundred and

twelve thousand, eight hundred and seventy-one dollars. In

other words, war material to that total has been ordered and

is now in the process of ~~ax~~ manufacture. ^{TP} In his report,

Mr. Roosevelt uses these highly significant words:- "With our

natural resources and ~~the~~ ^{our} genius to outstrip the axis powers!"

^{To which} ~~and to that~~ he adds: "We will see to it that these munitions

get to the places where they can be effectively used."

CANADA

In the armed forces of Canada are something like nine thousand men from the States. This information comes from Colonel J. L. Ralston, the Dominion's Minister of Defense.

In the Royal Canadian Air Force are six hundred staff pilots and instructors, fifteen hundred student pilots, and in the ground army nearly seven thousand former residents of the United States.

SYRIA

Now, about the war in Syria. "The world's immemorial battleground", as Hilaire Belloc describes it! There were reports that the British and Free French had already captured the ancient city of Damascus, oldest inhabited city in the world. But, evidently it isn't so. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's troops are still pushing on. And the momentum of his mechanized columns is increasing we are told. In fact today they were breaking through the outer defense line of Damascus, within twenty-two miles of Beirut. So say the British and the Free French.

And Vichy virtually corroborates this. The invading forces have occupied an Arab town near Damascus after the hardest kind of fighting, says Vichy. Also an Allied column has crossed the Litani River near Beirut, where one entire French battalion was wiped out. And the French in Syria also say that a British battleship, two cruisers and lighter warships have been helping General Wilson from the sea, bombarding the French positions on shore.

All of which seems to indicate that the French defense forces in Syria are not so strong. The French High Commissioner, tells of his troops fighting what he calls gallant "delaying actions."

When an army is supposed to be fighting delaying actions, it generally means it is outnumbered.

A French Sergeant-Major captured at the crossing of the Litani, said there were practically no fortifications between that river and Beirut. So he had doubts that his colleagues will be able to make any kind of real defense. This, the French Sergeant Major told to an American correspondent. He said further that General Dentz had only thirty thousand troops of whom only one thousand are French and even they, he said, have antiquated equipment and limited material.

ADD SYRIA

An American correspondent, with the British Imperial forces along the Syrian coast, states that the drive towards the Lebanon has been fought mostly by Australian shock troops. In the wake of their advance, hundreds of Frenchmen have been taken prisoner including officers. He says they make no bones about having only the slimmest hopes that the Petain forces in Syria will be able to hold out against the British and Free French.

The forcing of the passage of the Litani River was an interesting manœuvre. A small detachment of Australian shock troops was landed north of the river, by British warships. They bore the brunt of the attack while their comrades on the south bank of the Litani completed the attempt to cross it. One entire French battery of seventy-five was put out of commission by five Australians, and only one of them was even wounded.

SCHULTZ

Five and a half years ago there was a conference, a so-called Business conference in the back room of a chop house in Newark, New Jersey. The gentlemen conferring- gents I should say- Otto, Berman, Abraham Frank, Bernard Rosenkrantz; and there was a fourth known to his family as Arthur Flegenheimer; "Dutch Schultz" to the rest of us. The business they were discussing concerned various intimate details of the policy racket.

Four other gentlemen waded into the tavern whipped out their guns, and wiped out Mr. Flegenheimer Schultz and some of the others.

Subsequently it was determined for the police that one of the bullets in Dutch Schultz's body came through the gun of one of his colleagues who had been sitting with him- Rosenkrantz, who supposedly was his bodyguard.

Why are we now recalling this malodorous bit of underworld history? Why repeat that five years ago four rats killed four other rats?

But strangely enough, in all these five and a ~~xx~~ half years, none of the killers of Dutch Flegenheimer Schultz, was among those brought to justice. And that's what made news today. A gentleman named Charles Workman, "Charles-the-Bug." to his fellow rats, was found guilty in a court at Newark and today started off to serve a life sentence.

BEARD

To millions of Americans - especially those who have been Boy Scouts - Uncle Dan Beard has long been revered as one of the great men of this land. Sometime ago Uncle Dan gave this advice to his friends. Said he:- "Let's go through life with a song on our lips and when Charon comes to row us across the River Styx, let's sing a jolly sailor's chantey, keeping time with the stroke of the oars." "Then," he added, "we will be royally welcomed by those waiting for us on the shores of infinity."

And that's where Uncle Dan is tonight. And I'll bet that Daniel Boone, Kit Carson, Buffalo Bill, and all the rest of that great company have given him a rousing welcome. Yes, and Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts who preceded Uncle Dan by just a few weeks!

Only one personage has more nephews than Uncle Dan, and that is our symbolical pal, Uncle Sam. Ten Million Boy Scouts never thought of Daniel Carter Beard under any name except "Uncle Dan."

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We hear today that he and not Baden-Powell was the real originator of the Boy Scout Movement. B. P., as the British called their hero, started the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in Nineteen Eight. But Uncle Dan thought up the idea of a scouting society for boys in Nineteen Five and it was then that he formed the order known as the "Sons of Daniel Boone". Three years before Baden-Powell organized the Boy Scouts in England. Later the two organizations were combined.

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The possession of Uncle Dan was the most proud, was his gold eagle badge, then only one ever presented to anybody by the Boy Scouts of America. Next to that he cherished the silver Wolf of the British Boy Scouts.

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