

NEUTRALITY

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Tonight is a big night at the White House -, big for neutrality. The Republicans will be there, a conference of Democratic and Republican leaders, - with the President trying to persuade them to do something about the Neutrality Bill. He wants Congress to enact a new law right away, one that will eliminate the arms embargo - so obnoxious to the White House and State Department.

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The advocates of isolation are showing no signs of weakening. - They ^{are} ~~are~~ determined to take no action, let the present neutrality law stand as it is - including that embargo on selling American weapons to any nation at war.

Asked about tonight's meeting at the White House, Senator Gerald Nye of North Dakota said:- "Everything is frozen tightly. I believe it will stay that way."

There was a Senate proposal today to call off the American treaty of amity and commerce with Japan - and Republican Senator Vandenberg made the proposal. This has to do with suggestions that the United States should refuse to sell materials of war to Japan. This refusal, however, might violate the United States-Japanese treaty of amity and commerce. Well then, abrogate the treaty proposes Senator Vandenberg. The ~~suggestion~~ ^{suggestion} that we refuse to sell military supplies to Japan takes this form - embargo the sale of armament to

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any nation that violates the Nine-Power Treaty. That treaty guaranteed the integrity of China, and Japan signed it. Yet Japan is now invading China. Along this line of reasoning, Senator Vandenberg added a second proposal - calling for a conference of the powers that signed the Nine-Power Treaty. There was such a conference not long ago, but it took a vacation without getting anywhere. So call it into session again and get a decision - is or is not Japan violating the treaty guaranteeing the integrity of China? There's little doubt what the verdict would be.

an ultimatum - The Soviets will not stand for any ultimatum, says Moscow. To which a Japanese spokesman in the Soviet capital declared today that if the Soviets don't assent, Japan will take serious measures.

JAPAN

There's a new quarrel between Japan and Russia over Sakhalin Island. Two serious words were used today. "Serious measures," said the Japanese. ^{Serious} ~~such~~ measures may be taken if Moscow does not meet Tokyo's demands in the labor dispute that has arisen in the oil fields on the Island of Sakhalin. That island is divided between Russia and Japan, and has been a frequent cause of friction. The Japanese demands have been rejected by Russia on the grounds that they were virtually an ultimatum - the Soviets will not stand for any ultimatum, says Moscow. To which a Japanese spokesman in the Soviet capital declared today that if the Soviets don't accede, Japan will take serious measures.

PALESTINE

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There's a Jewish general strike Palestine. ~~It's~~ It's a protest against the ~~XXXX~~ suspension of Jewish immigration. The British authorities are allowing no more Jewish immigrants to come in. So therefore there's a Zionist strike throughout the much-troubled land. Jewish authorities have ordered all Jews to remain indoors except those engaged in necessary occupations.

SHIPWRECK

There is a
~~The~~ story of the sea tonight; *a story of* a mass rescue, a wholesale saving of lives. Two hundred and nine persons taken from a flaming ship at sea. *It was a* Japanese-American affair - with an American ship saving all those Japanese.

The Japanese liner Bokuyo Maru steamed from Valparaiso, Chile, with a ~~big~~ big crowd of passengers aboard and a large crew. Her cargo was nitrate, destined for ~~the~~ munitions factories of Japan.

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Today distress signals flashed from the liner - she was on fire in mid-Pacific; was being swiftly destroyed by flames. The signals of desperate distress lasted for only five minutes, and then stopped - ominous. But there were ships near enough to the scene of peril to answer the call, and they went steaming to the rescue - four Japanese vessels and one American. The American got there first - a ~~big~~ big oil tanker ^{named} ~~named~~ "Associated." The Bokuyo ~~Maru~~ Maru was so badly ablaze, she was ready to sink, and there were more than two hundred human beings to save. The "Associated" with a huge cargo of oil, didn't dare ~~to~~ draw alongside the blazing craft for lifesaving - for the tanker might blow up. *So it was* Lower the ~~lifes~~ lifeboats! and it was the most strenuous kind of lifeboat work. The "Associated" took off a hundred and nine passengers and a hundred

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members of the crew - two of the crew are reported missing. Tonight, "Associated" is transferring a huge batch of survivors to one of the Japanese ships that has ^{now} appeared on the scene.

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MEXICAN RAILROAD

From Mexico, there's a report of a plan to build a railroad from Kansas City to the Mexican West Coast. It's no new plan, ^{In fact it} would have been carried out years ago - save for Pancho Villa.

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SARABIA

We have an explanation ^{tonight} of the fatal crash of the

Mexican flyer, Francisco Sarabia. After making a record-breaking flight from Mexico City to New York, the ace Mexican flyer took off ~~ix~~ to return from Washington and plunged into the Potomac.

You may recall how

~~and~~ that produced strange repercussions in Mexico, ~~which~~ anti-American riots - with shouts of sabotage. Sarabia had been killed because of American sabotage, yelled infuriated ^{Mexican} mobs.

~~Today's finding answers the question of sabotage.~~

The Civil Aeronautics authority, after a thorough investigation, reports - no sign that the Sarabia plane was tampered with, no sabotage. The investigation discloses what caused the tragic mishap - they found a rag in the intake pipe of the motor. That hunk of cloth was sucked ~~it~~ up into the pipe, and it choked off the motor just as the Mexican ace was flying low over the Potomac. ~~The mouth of the intake pipe was placed low in the plane.~~ The rag might have been left in the cowling by the carelessness of a worker. Or, the intake pipe might have sucked the rag from the ground, ^{at the river,} as the plane took off.

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STOCKS

Two and a half billion dollars is a lot of money, but that much has been added to the value of securities on the New York Stock Exchange. Yesterday's rise in the market was continued today, with stocks going up all over the place. Some securities shot up as much as four dollars a share. And from Wall Street comes the estimate that today's boom, added to yesterday's, has increased the paper value of stocks by two and a half billion dollars.

These companies have a total of six and a half million stockholders.

Figuring four to a family, some twenty-five million persons are concerned. Now here's what we learn from the survey, which was conducted by the American Federation of Investors. The hundred and sixty-three firms paid in taxes twice as much as they paid in dividends to their six and a half million stockholders. Taxation took double the amount that was distributed in the form of dividends for spending far and wide. That much money sucked in by Government, money which otherwise would have gone directly into the regular channels of business to increase commerce and employment. So says the American Federation of Investors.

TAXES

~~Economists are agreed that the problem of taxation is one of the most important.~~ Historians say that in the past, forms of society have broken down because of excessive taxation. ~~So it's always wise to keep an eye on the present day tendency to make taxes go higher.~~

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BEETLES

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They had some excitement at the Connecticut State Capitol today. A hundred and forty-seven young women were taking tests before the State Health Department as hairdressers. ~~Showing their skill in giving marcelis and finger-waves. And right in the middle of these beautifying trials--~~ Things went bughouse. ~~All because a bunch of boys had a buggy ambition.~~

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The lads heard that the State Laboratory was conducting experiments with Japanese beetles, so they collected a whole lot of the pesky insects, took them to the Laboratory in the Capitol Building, -hoping to sell them. They were turned down flat, the Laboratory refusing to buy any beetles. That made the boys mad, and on their indignant way out they happened to notice the girls' class in hair-dressing. Just why they should have wanted to take their spite out on the girls is a mystery ^{-- ~~not~~ ~~most~~ ~~decidedly~~} ungallant. They sneaked in and turned loose their mess of beetles - and beat it.

Thus it was that the hundred and forty-seven girl hair-dressers suddenly discovered the swarm of bugs, crawling over the floor, crawling up their stockings. And pandemonium broke out. They screamed, crawled up on chairs and smacked the bugs.

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Peace was restored only when the janitor showed up and cleaned up the beetles with the vacuum cleaner. Then the class

in hair-dressing went on, with marcel and finger-waving, while the officials started a hunt ⁻⁻⁻ for those boys.

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FUGITIVE

The Ozark manhunt ended today with the capture of desperado Jack Russell. Dramatic, but not violent. For days posses searched for the outlaw in the rugged mountain country of Arkansas, and he was expected to shoot it out. Last night the authorities got a tip that he was at an Ozark camp, and they planned a wiley stratagem to catch him. A couple of law officers drove to a ~~mi~~ point near the camp, and pretended to be fishing in an adjacent creek. Play-acting artistically, they fished their way to the camp, where they saw the desperados automobile. And one called out, "Hey, your gas tank is leaking, you'd better look at it." And out walked the fugitive, in his shirt sleeves - to find himself looking at pointed pistols.

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KILLER

In an Arizona court today, father and son opposed each other, and the issue was life or death. The son was on trial for murder, his life at stake. The father trying to save him, but the son did not want to be saved.

Two and a half months ago, two automobile salesmen drove out to the Arizona desert to demonstrate a car for Robert E. Burgunder, son of Prosecuting Attorney Burgunder of Seattle. The two automobile salesmen never came back. Their bodies were found in the desert - murdered.

Young Burgunder was arrested - and admitted the killings. His father, the Seattle Prosecuting Attorney, came down to Arizona to defend him in the trial, which came to a strange climax today. As lawyer for his son's defense, he made a plea of insanity to the jury and begged them to find his son not guilty. Or, if they should find him guilty - sentence him to imprisonment for life. Not death, not the doom of the lethal gas chamber, which is the mode of execution in Arizona. Such was the father's appeal.

But in court today son argued against father. Young Burgunder spoke to the jury and said:- "A lifetime imprisonment would be useless ~~to me~~ ^{of} to me."

So he asked the jury to ^{give him} ~~inflict the~~ capital punishment ~~on him~~.

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The jury retired and deliberated. Now comes word that their verdict is in. Who's plea did they accept, the father's or the son's? The verdict of the jury was - murder in the first. Which means - death, the doom of the lethal gas chamber.

Michael Francis O'Leary, who came from Ireland, made a fortune in law and real estate, and passed away at the age of ninety, apparently his branch of the O'Leary is a large family - all sorts of cousins everywhere, Ireland, Canada and the United States, and all claiming their share of the five million. Their lawyers flocked to court to fight the inevitable lawsuit. So many, ^{that} the judge said: "Let's take three days to sort out the lawyers and see who represents whom and why."

ESTATE

Today a Los Angeles courtroom was so crowded with lawyers that three days will be taken to sort them out. ^{Fifty}~~fifty~~ lawyers, representing three hundred and sixty-nine clients.

Somebody died and left five million dollars, no will, and no direct heirs -, only a lot of kinfolk. Michael Francis O'Dea, who came from Ireland, made a fortune in Los Angeles real estate, and passed along at the age of ninety. Apparently his branch of the O'Deas is a large family - all sorts of cousins everywhere, Ireland, Canada and the United States. And all claiming their share of the five million, their lawyers flocked to court today for the inevitable lawsuit. So many ^{that} the Judge said:- "Let's take three days to sort out the lawyers and see who represents whom and why."

SLUM CLEARANCE

You've heard of apartments being vacant, because not enough people with big enough incomes can be found to rent them. But here's a case of apartments being vacant because they can't find enough people with small enough incomes. It's a Federal Housing Project - and that explains a lot.

One of the buildings of the New York Red Hook Housing Project has a number of apartments vacant and another building has not yet been opened - for lack of tenants. Yet there's a list of sixty-three thousand applicants. None of these, however, are poor enough to qualify, though many are on relief. Sounds odd. Housing project apartments can be rented only to families that have incomes of less than thirteen hundred and ninety-nine dollars a year. And it's pointed out that families with several members on relief get more than that.

Funny business. You build apartment houses for the poor, and you give the poor relief, and then they're not poor enough for the apartment houses.

FATHER DIVINE

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At New Rochelle, New York, the Sutton Manor section is particularly social and swanky, and tonight the fashionable residents are gasping at the news - heaven is in their midst. It might seem that one would have to be a wicked old infidel not to enjoy being a neighbor of heaven, but in this case it's a divine heaven - another Father Divine heaven.

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One of the smartest of Sutton Manor homes is one left by the late Florence M. Childs. A month ago the executives of the estate sold it to a ~~lady~~ lady described as a retired Chicago school teacher. Soon after it was observed that angels were cleaning up the grounds of the estate - dark angels who worship the small and ~~dark~~ dusky Father Divine as their god.

Alarmed residents of the Sutton Manor section held a panicky meeting and commissioned the Corporation Counsel of the community to take care of the threatening situation. Presumably the Corporation Counsel is taking what care he can, but today the angels moved in, and tonight the exclusive home is exclusively their heaven.

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It turns out that a properly executed deed conveys joint tenant rights in the place to a group of angels who are formally enumerated as follows:- Miss Virgin Mary, Mr. Peaceful ~~John~~ John, Miss Mary Magdalene Peaceful, and Miss Bethlehem Kindness. Heavenly,

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say ~~F~~ - but I won't tell you what the social registerites of the
Sutton Manor section are saying. *And a-l-u-t-m.*

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