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CHAMBERLAIN

"The soft answer that turneth away wrath," came from Britain's Prime Minister today. It was largely the wrath of Uncle Sam and Japan that Chamberlain was hoping to soften. ^{as} Some of his remarks were aimed directly at the two countries, ^{tho} ^{But} for the most part he was saying kind words to all the neutrals, reassuring the small nations in Europe, telling them they had nothing to fear from Great Britain and France.

He acknowledged the obvious facts that Britain's war making must cause inconvenience, suffering and ~~even~~ injury to the neutrals. He regretted them. "And don't anyone suppose that we are indifferent to the losses which neutrals might sustain," ^{said he.} "We ask them to consider that while we may have to take action which causes them inconvenience, we have never sunk a neutral ship, never wittingly sacrificed a ~~x~~ single neutral life."

Then he added:- "We mean ~~that~~ when the war is successfully concluded, to return to the idea behind our agreement with the United States." By that he meant the Reciprocal Trade Agreement. "We must put an end to the vicious policy of economic nationalization and autarchy, which did so much to upset the last great peace treaty."

As for Japan, ^{he said} the British meant no discourtesy when they took twenty-one German seamen off a Japanese liner near the coast of Japan. Britain wants to live in peace with Japan. But he didn't say whether he would give up those twenty-one German seamen that he had seized.

Referring to us, ^{Chamberlain} he remarked that Britain in the past had been the largest customer in the United States for agricultural produce. Then he gave an explanation about his cutting down of certain imports from America. It was done in order that the British might concentrate ^{their} ~~their own~~ dollar resources upon the purchase of munitions and equipment in the United States. "But," he added, "don't let anyone suppose that we want to use these measures for any other purpose than prosecution of the war, or that we are indifferent to the effects of that curtailment."

Chamberlain's speech had one immediate favorable reaction in Washington. That came from Secretary of State Hull. He freely welcomes Chamberlain's promise that freer trade among the nations was one objective in the war.

SHIP CONTROL

The British Government is to take over the entire shipbuilding industry of Great Britain. ^oThat announcement was made to the House of Commons by Chamberlain today. ~~the Prime~~ Minister [^] has already requisitioned cargo liners representing more than nine million tons.

^{TP} From now on, the number of merchant ships to be built and also the type will be determined not by the shipbuilders but by the Admiralty.

ITALY

Italy considers herself at war. That's the latest bulletin from Rome. But it should be added quickly that Mussolini's legions are not fighting either by air, land or sea. It's a figurative war, an economic war. And it is so announced by an editorial in the Duce's own newspaper. The fact that Italy is a non-belligerent does not mean that she is impartial. And it goes on, "Italy cannot afford to lose even one battle in the economic war. Italy is taking all economic initiatives. War is war, whether it be an economic ^{struggle} ~~war~~ or one which keeps Italy on the defensive." So says the Mussolini newspaper.

FINNS

The latest from Finland is that the Bolsheviks made another determined attack in the extreme north. ~~It was quite close~~ to the Norwegian border. The purpose, ^{to} ~~of it was a~~ drive through the narrow Arctic Corridor of Finland, fifty-five miles south of the seacoast. It was a sudden attack and the Finns were taken by surprise. They fell back to a main line of defense, sat tight, beat off the Russians, then made a counter-attack, and drove the Russians into retreat.

Evidently the Red armies had been reenforced as they made attacks with fresh troops on several other fronts. But the Finns claim to have repulsed them at every point. At Lake Marka, one of Stalin's divisions is being besieged by the Finns.

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There was another raid by Red bombers on Rovaniemi, the fourth since the war started. The Finns believe that the planes came from Petsamo, in the extreme north. The raiders ^{flew over} ~~came~~ while a United Press correspondent was at breakfast. The man next to him pointed in the air and said:- "Look at the bombs!" The newspaperman could see nothing but an instant later there was an enormous thunder and a feeling as though an earthquake were going on.

The correspondent saw a couple of windows from the opposite side floating ^{off} ~~down~~ like a ~~little~~ cloud of snow. Then the windows of the hotel behind him were shattered. He thought at first that they were broken by concussion until splinters of bombs came through ~~the windows~~ into the hotel dining room. ~~So he came to the conclusion that having breakfast during an air raid was not much more dangerous than shaving.~~

Meanwhile, ^F the Finnish Minister in Paris ^{is} ~~was~~ making gloomy and ominous prophecies. He told the Eng^{ish} ~~land~~ and American newspapermen ~~in Paris~~ that if help doesn't come, the Finns cannot hold out. The Finnish resistance is a miracle, he said, but you can't expect mass production ^{of} miracles.

SUN SPOTS FOLLOW COLD

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There's a new ^{European} cold wave reported on its way. ~~to Europe.~~

The information comes from a celebrated Italian scientist at Faenza. He reports that Italian astronomers have discovered two new spots on the sun, huge ones. And he adds, that means another cold wave. They will attain their highest development, he says, between February Second and February Eighth; ^{when} ~~and~~ Arctic temperatures will swoop down upon Europe. ^{Right now} There's a terrifically heavy snowfall in Holland, with traffic held up, highways blocked, trains running late. Maybe ~~that's~~ a forerunner of ~~that~~ ^{the} prophesied cold wave.

This Italian man of wisdom adds the prophecy that the earth will shake with considerable violence in southern Europe, and the Balkans. ^{on this} ~~There~~ he will find himself at outs with American seismologists, most of whom claim that it ~~is~~ impossible to prophesy earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. ~~On the other hand, there's~~ ~~Father Bernard Hubbard, the Glacier Priest, who prophesied the~~ ~~volcanic eruption in Alaska around a certain date and hit it~~ ~~almost to the day.~~

COLD

The cold spell that we ^{we} just ^{had} ~~got through~~ ^{was}, in some parts of the country, ^{almost} ~~pretty near~~ the worst on record, in one respect at any rate. More drivers of motor cars had to be dug out ^{of} ~~from~~ snowdrifts, more motors had to be thawed out, than ever before. ^{This is} ~~That's~~ reported by the American Automobile Association. In Boston, the emergency calls received by the ^{A. A. A.} ~~American Automobile Association~~ were a hundred and sixty per cent higher than they were January a year ago.

And in one part of the country there's rejoicing today over the vanishing of the cold. That's in Florida. There were freezing temperatures in the northern and northwestern part of the state last night. But today the thermometer registered seventy. Visitors threw aside their fur coats and flocked to the beaches once more, which was what they were down Florida for.

ROAD SHOW (PHILADELPHIA MUST)

Out in Chicago, they're having one of the biggest congregations of people ~~that even the people of~~ the Windy City ever saw. They ^{are} ~~are~~ on the shore of Lake Michigan for the Thirty-Seventh Convention and Road Show of the American Road Builders Association. More than forty-five thousand people are there, not layment, but men engaged in one way or another in the building of highways - state and federal highway officials, contractors, engineers, manufacturers of materials for roads. They've come from all forty-eight states of the Union and thirty-six foreign countries. In the International Amphitheatre, the road show covers eight acres of floor space. There you see on one side huge eighty ton cranes and on the other side the most minute instruments of precision.

~~This is a show in which my sponsors, the Sun Oil Company, are keenly interested - it's known to road builders as the show window of the highway history.~~

DIES

A little bit of excitement in Congress at last! The national legislature has been in such doldrums for the last few weeks that you might have supposed the lawmakers were hibernating. They certainly haven't been contributing what is supposed to be their fair share of the nation's news.

But today at last ~~some of them blew up on the floor of the House.~~ The atmosphere was lively with shouts^{shouts} of "forgery", "pollution", "nefarious acts!" And the hubbub was all over one member of the House who wasn't there - Martin Dies, Chairman of the Committee on Un-American activities. He's still home, ^{at} sick^{ill} at Orange, Texas.

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The seeds of this rumpus were sown ten days ago when Republican Representative Hook of Michigan came to bat with some letters which tended to show that Dies had been mixed up with certain persons in the Christian Front. The papers included letters apparently written by William W. Pelley, the Silver Shirt boy. Last night there was an executive session of the Dies Committee, after which the Acting Chairman, Representative Starnes, published the accusation that those letters had been manufactured

and sold by a man who is Pelley's agent in Washington.

So on the floor of the House this afternoon, Cox of Georgia and Keefe of Michigan, the latter a Republican, jumped up to the defense of Dies and made a pungent attack on his accuser, Representative Hook. They demanded that Hook's remarks ~~should~~ be expunged from the record and that Hook himself ~~should~~ be made to come before the House and apologize to Congress and the country. These remarks were made in Hook's absence. But he retorted by means of a statement issued by his secretary. The statement was to the effect that ^{Congressman} Hook has affidavits swearing to the fact that the papers he offered are genuine, authentic. Then Hook added the slam that if there ~~are any~~ should be any question of forgery, the Dies Committee is guilty of conspiracy to bribe persons to commit forgery to cover up their past nefarious acts.

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^{Whereupon}
~~Then~~ Republican Schafer of Wisconsin ~~went up to the~~
~~plate and~~ asked whether it wasn't a fact that the accusation that the big-shot in the conspiracy was Gardner Jackson, legislative lobbyist for John L. Lewis's Non-Partisan League,

And the repercussion from that accusation was an offer from Gardner Jackson to appear before the House or before any committee and answer questions.

All of which looks like the makings of another *row*.

~~pretty little row.~~

WALLACE

Secretary Wallace of ~~Agriculture~~ is on the warpath.

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He's furious about the cuts that the House Committee on Ways and Means ^{have} made in the Farm Appropriation Bill. He accused ^S the economy-minded Congressmen of trying to scuttle his farm program and he warned ^S them ~~that~~ they are inviting punishment at the polls in November. He said that if ~~these~~ cuts go through he'll talk plenty to the voters about it. He'll ask the farmers in the campaign which way they think they're most likely to be taken care of in Nineteen Forty-One. And then he asked one of the newspaper men in Washington:- "If those cuts go through, ~~he said,~~ "do you think the farmers will take it out on the administration or on the Republicans?"

There were indications of a ~~stern-hard~~ fight on the economy program. The leaders of the farm bloc in Congress, Congressmen ~~that~~ represent ^{ing} agricultural districts, are going to meet and plan concerted measures. Martin Jones of Texas, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, ^{seemed} ~~in the House, was just~~ as exasperated as Secretary Wallace; ^{and} ~~for he~~ said ~~that~~ the reduction thrust a dagger into the heart of agriculture.

The National Labor Relations Board told Congress part of its ~~own~~ side of the story. J. Warren Madden, Chairman of the Board, was a witness before the House Committee that is holding an investigation. One thing he offered was a pile of letters from business men praising the behavior of the Board.

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Madden then presented another claim to the Congressmen. He said that there had been fewer strikes, shorter strikes, and fewer workers involved since Senator Wagner's much debated act came into effect. It was true, he admitted, that in Nineteen Thirty-Eight, there were more strikes than in any previous year except Nineteen Thirty-Seven. However, he pointed out the number of workers involved was less than in any year since Nineteen Thirty-Two. And he added further that after the United States Supreme Court upheld the Wagner Act, declared it ~~perfectly~~ lawful and constitutional, there was a striking decrease in labor trouble.

ECCLES

Marriner ~~S~~ Eccles of Utah is to be reappointed Chairman of the Federal ~~R~~ Reserve System. His term will expire at midnight tonight. Reporters asked the President whether Eccles would be reappointed and Mr. Roosevelt replied that ~~it~~ would be a pretty good guess.

The late Senator Borah was generally supposed to be a poor man. It was quite certain that he had virtually no sources of income outside of his ten thousand a year as a Senator, ~~and that he has only enjoyed for about ten years. And that, although~~ ^{often} he was offered tremendous fees to practice law, ^{but} ~~offers which Borah~~ turned ^{them} down. So one sequel to his death has provided Mrs. Borah with the surprise of her life. ^{FF the Borah} When ~~his~~ safety deposit box was opened, ^{it was found to contain} ~~her secretary found in it~~ two hundred and seven thousand dollars, partly in thousand dollar bills, partly in government securities. Mrs. Borah explained that she had always believed the Senator would leave her well provided for. They'd lived well but modestly, and she knew Borah had insurance policies in three companies. But now, in addition to ^{that there are} ~~these insurance policies,~~ she has ~~that nice little nest egg of two hundred and seven thousand dollars~~ ^{in the Borah estate.} ~~and that's the sort of egg that can never go bad.~~

BEAUTY

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Most of us had been generally taught to believe that a lion was a pretty useless animal, good only for showing in the zoo or a circus when he's alive and after he's dead just another

rug on the floor of father's den. *But the Brooklyn Museum reveals today* ~~But~~ in ancient Egypt they found

another use for simba, as the Africans call the beast. They cut him up, tried out his fat, and put it on the head of a bald-headed man. They mixed it with lard from hippopotamus, crocodile and other beasts that you can see in the zoo. To finish the treatment, they took the jawbone of an ass, yes, the same that Samson used to kill Philistines with. They ground up the donkey's denture, mixed it with honey, then spread it on the scalp. *Ancient science!*

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Now Hugh what about modern science!

~~It seems that beauty parlors, cosmetologists, and facial treatments are nothing new. They were commonplace in the land of the Pharaohs three thousand years before Christ and more. All this has come to light in the Brooklyn Museum. And anybody who wants to drop in there ~~from~~ February Third and March Fourth, can pick up quite a lot of - I won't say wrinkles - but methods of ~~KEEPING~~ getting rid of wrinkles, methods known to Cleopatra and many, many generations of her grandmothers. The staff ~~at~~ of the~~