

P.T. - Sunoco. Wed., June 20, 1939.

(This afternoon aviation history was made when a great clipper plane took off from the sea base at Port Washington, Long Island. The DIXIE CLIPPER making the first flight on the regular passenger schedule of the Pan-American Trans-Atlantic service.) The great clipper flying boats made a number of survey flights to and from Europe - also a trans-Atlantic voyage with newspaper passengers aboard as a press preview. Now - the first regular passenger list on the twenty-two hour schedule to Europe.

Tonight sixteen men and women passengers are in the sky, speeding across the ocean. Among them is Mrs. Clara Adams, one of the nation's top-ranking ^{"first-flighters."} ~~first-flighters~~ Mrs. Clara Adams began as a first-flightier when she was a girl, in Nineteen Fourteen. Later she bought the first ticket ever sold for a trans-Atlantic journey through the sky and was aboard the GRAF ZEPPELIN in Nineteen Twenty-Eight.

In Nineteen Thirty-One, she was aboard the giant German plane, the DO-X, on its maiden flight. She flew in the CHINA CLIPPER on its first passenger voyage across the Pacific.

No coincidence
~~Curiously enough~~, this day is an anniversary of another

sort in trans-Atlantic travel. Seventy-five years ago, the S.S. WASHINGTON, the first steamer of the French Line to carry passengers and mail across the Atlantic, reached New York after a fourteen day voyage. Since that day, French liners have made no fewer than eight thousand crossings. And since Nineteen Hundred alone, they have carried five million passengers.

MONEY

(There ~~is now~~ still one chance for President Roosevelt to win the fight in Congress to retain his power to devalue the dollar.)

^{is} That was achieved after a ~~war~~ ^{today} struggle on the floor of the House. ^{Aug}

There were anxious moments, ~~in that scrap~~. The administration leaders worked ~~tooth and nail~~ ^{strenuously} to keep their followers in line and sweep back the wave of opposition led by the Republicans. The

outcome was a victory for the White House, though it may be only a temporary one. (The House voted, ^{to} send that money bill to conference ^{with} the Senate.) ^{on this} The vote was two hundred and sixteen to a hundred and sixty-four. The opposition tried to talk it down but the House leaders clapped on the gag and shut off debate.

In that conference between the House and the Senate, ^{For there} will come the most desperate fight of all. ~~That~~ ^{will} be the last chance for the Roosevelt ^{New Deal forces} ~~partisans~~ to change the provisions voted by the Senators last Monday, the vote that deprived ^{F. D. R.} ~~him~~ of his power to devalue the dollar any further.

There was one bit of comedy in the course of the short debate. It was an exchange of compliments between Democrat McCormack of Massachusetts and Republican leader Joe Martin, also

of Massachusetts. Joe Martin had called the Democratic Representative to order. Thereupon McCormack admitted the point and apropos of nothing, declared that leader Joe Martin would "make a good candidate for President of the Republican Party."

With that, every Republican in the House chimed in with a cheer of approval. Then said Democrat McCormack: "I mean it."

Joe Martin, who was blushing violently, retorted with a question:- "Will you vote for me?"

There is no record of any reply to that.

SILVER

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The action of the Senate in raising the prize of domestic silver has the Treasury worried. Secretary Morgenthau and his men have been afraid that foreign countries might dump large quantities of their silver in this country. So yesterday they reduced the price for foreign silver from forty-three to forty cents an ounce. Today, they made a further reduction, cut it down to thirty-eight and a half cents an ounce. ~~Incidentally, that's~~ Just half the price the Senators decreed for the purchase of silver mined in the United States.

BREAD STRIKE

It looks as though there would be a lot of people ~~in~~
~~Boston~~ ^{— in Boston.} without bread tomorrow. The bakery truck drivers went on
strike, fourteen hundred of them. ~~and~~ ^{all} It started with a bang; a
bang on the head of a driver who refused to strike and tried
to make his deliveries. Pickets not only beat him up but crippled
his motor. So, unless the ladies of Boston learn to make their
own bread, which I am told is more or less of a lost art, a lot
of breakfast tables will be breadless. To that you might say,
along with the late Queen Marie Antoinette, "Why don't they eat
cake?" The answer to that is that most of the cake nowadays comes
along with the bread, ^{— all up} wrapped in cellophane. ~~packages.~~

SMITH

The whereabouts of Dr. James Monroe Smith, Ex-President of Louisiana State, now begins to interest the police of Canada.

There's a report from Memphis that a man and woman resembling

Dr. and Mrs. Smith were seen at the railway station at Memphis,

Tennessee, Monday morning, ^{buying} ~~who bought~~ tickets for Detroit.

^{Which} ~~That statement~~ would indicate that they're on their way to Canada.

Nevertheless, no cop has yet ^{clapped} ~~set~~ his hand on the shoulder of

Dr. Smith, with ^{those} ~~the~~ grim words, "You're under arrest!"

Down in Louisiana, the story goes into even higher figures than before. ~~The~~ The amount ~~that is~~ now believed to be missing from the funds of the University is one million, two

hundred thousand dollars - one million two hundred thousand

^{gambled away, poured} ~~believed to have disappeared~~ into the wheat pit. Like other

notables who have come to grief, that versatile college President

became smitten with the ^{notion} ~~confidence~~ that he could corner wheat,

an adventure that has toppled over several great fortunes.

TRIAL

About five years ago, an armored car was held up in Brooklyn in most sensational fashion. The robbers got away clean, and carried with them four hundred and twenty-seven thousand, nine hundred and fifty dollars in cash. ^{that} ~~it~~ still ranks as the largest cash robbery ~~that was~~ ever pulled off.

Today, ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ New York, began the trial of the men accused of that whopping crime. The principal witness for the prosecutor was a gunman who confessed. And the testimony he gave made eyes pop open in that courtroom. He said the holding up of that armored car was so easy that it was, in his own words, "like money from home." It was planned for months in advance and there were seven men in the conspiracy.

A half a million dollar hold-up, [^] "easy as money from home!"

FIGHT

There was a traffic jam in downtown New York this morning. Six thousand people were all trying to get into the offices of the New York Boxing Commission. They wanted to see Joe Louis and Two-ton Tony Galento weigh in.

The ceremony of weighing showed Galento to be just thirty-three pounds heavier than the champion. His weight, ~~was~~ two hundred and thirty-three and three-quarters; Joe Louis just two hundred and three-quarters. The fighters exchanged no flowery compliments, merely nodded and said, "hello" in frosty tones.

Whatever happens at the Yankee Stadium at ten o'clock tonight, this fight will be notable in one respect. It's the result of the most amazing ballyhoo and build-up in the history of the ~~prizexring~~ prize-ring. A year ago people were laughing at the mere thought of Louis climbing into a ring with the tough, crude tubby little fellow from New Jersey. But today there are ^{actually} ~~are~~ ^{are} numerous people who say that Tony, the fellow who trains on beer, ^{has an outside} ~~and gin, has a good~~ chance to win. Some of that optimism is based on the much touted report that the fat boy from Jersey has a high scorn for Marquis of Queensberry rules. They say the town of

Marblehead, Massachusetts, was named after Tony and that in several fights ^{his marble head} ~~he~~ has been one of his chief assets. Louis, they claim, may hit an awful wallop with his fist. But a man who gets a crack in the jaw from Tony's head stays cracked. However, people on that side of the fence are in a conspicuous minority.

The latest bulletin, by the way, is that Mr. Galento passed the afternoon preparing for his fight by serving beer to ^{his} customers, ^{not quaffing it himself.} ~~across the bar of his saloon in Jersey~~

LUCE

Henry ~~the~~ Luce, publisher of TIME, LIFE, FORTUNE, is the target for ~~undoubtedly~~ ^{one of} the most extraordinary lawsuits ^s since law courts ~~first began~~ ^{were invented}. Practically the entire press of Paris has brought action against Luce for libel. The plaintiff is an organization called the Syndicate of the Parisien Press, an association of newspaper publishers in Paris.

The reason for this lawsuit is a little piece published in TIME, in the issue of May Eighth, ~~THE~~ ^{which} ~~contains~~ ^{ed} the following statement:- "The Paris press has long been the sewer of world journalism. Few are the Parisian news men who cannot be bought and rare is the newspaper unwilling to be subsidized. The way some prominent Paris newspapers have handled their German 'news' recently suggests that slush funds from the Third Reich are also being passed around."

For all of that, the syndicate asks ^{damages to the extent of} five million Francs. ~~damages, a hundred and thirty-two thousand, five hundred dollars in our money. Curiously enough,~~ This news broke just as ^{Henry} Luce ~~himself~~ arrived in Paris, from New York. But the action won't come to trial until October Tenth. ^R In addition to that complaint

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by the syndicate, certain individual newspapers will bring actions on their own account against Luce. They'll all be tried together.

Yes, There's a suit that ought to provide some ^{French} ~~interesting~~ fireworks!

The French General Staff has just received information that German soldiers from East Prussia have been pouring into Danzig. It's a known secret in Paris that Daladier is greatly alarmed, convinced that a crisis is inevitable. One of the emissaries in Paris has confidential information from Berlin that the Fuehrer has all his plans laid for grabbing Danzig. It will be done from the inside, not from the outside. Hence the filtering of four thousand officers and men into that historic Free City.

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PARIS

The feeling among the French today was decidedly alarmist. People in official circles of the French capital are convinced that Hitler is about to spring something at Danzig. Premier Daladier called a secret meeting of parliamentary leaders. He told them that the French general staff has positive information that German soldiers from East Prussia have been pouring into Danzig. It's a known secret in Paris that Daladier is genuinely alarmed, convinced that a crisis is inevitable. One of the embassies in Paris has confidential information from Berlin that the Fuehrer has all his plans laid for grabbing Danzig. It will be done from the inside, not from the outside. Hence the filtering of four thousand officers and men into that historic Free City.

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CHURCHILL

~~Europe is starting on~~ ^{seems to be entering} another period of jittery ~~nerves~~ ^{S.}

Every little indication that points to preparations for war is seized upon and emphasized. Everybody ^{is} remembering ^{ing} that European wars usually start in August, after the harvests are in. ~~For~~ ^{There} was an illustration of the feeling ~~across the Atlantic in a speech~~ ^{instance take that} by the ~~Right Honorable~~ ^{(P) Sain} Winston Churchill; ~~who said~~ ^{said he} "I don't consider war certain," but if one were to consider only the German preparations and the tone of the German-government-controlled-press and speeches of party leaders there could ~~be~~ ^{be} no conclusion but that the worst would happen ~~quite soon.~~ ^{And he} continued: ~~"I must consider, I think we must all consider,~~ July, August and September as the months in which tension in Europe will become most severe." ^{said Churchill.} ~~I am in entire accord with the French Premier that we are in a period of danger more acute and more laden with ugly fact than any we have ever known."~~

~~Then Churchill said further:~~ "Our position this year is different in one important respect, ~~from what it was last year.~~ st He went on:- ~~And he explained:~~ "This year no means of retreat are open because we didn't guarantee Czechoslovakia, ^{for} ~~but~~ ^{now} we have guaranteed Poland."

BERLIN

But from Berlin comes a dispatch that may be a harbinger of peace. ~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler's foreign office tonight received a note from the British ~~government. It was~~ an answer to Hitler's aggressive act when he denounced the naval limitation treaty. This British note actually turns the other cheek, holds out an offer of friendship, ^{and} an offer, ~~what's more,~~ with substantial benefits behind it. His Majesty's government is willing to cooperate with Germany, help the Reich become more prosperous and develop her trade. ^{And does} That ~~really~~ sounds like ^{a friendly} ~~an astounding~~ ^{! For} ~~and certainly a helpful~~ gesture. [^] With real cooperation from Britain, Hitler could ~~really~~ push his country on to the increase of export trade which he has been saying was ^{so} ~~absolutely~~ essential to the lifeblood of the Reich.

At the same time, the Chamberlain government rejects the claim of the Germans that the British are encircling them in Europe. Britain points out that her guarantees to eastern European countries mean that the only condition under which Britain would fight Germany would be an act of aggression by Hitler, an attack on another country.

TIENTSIN

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On ~~that~~ ^{the} issue Uncle Sam takes the same stand as the British. Our Consul-General at Shanghai ^{has now} informed the Japanese that American ships will not leave Wenchow and Foochow. And he repeated what Admiral Yarnell told them two days ago. Americans have treaty rights at those ports. If anything happens to American citizens, the Japanese will be held responsible and no disclaim will be recognized.

COMMONS

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(That the ugly
~~But at least the~~ argument with Japan over Tientsin may be
settled, Prime Minister Chamberlain intimated ^{today to the} ~~as much to the~~
House of Commons. He told ~~the~~ Parliament that the Japanese
government has consented to start discussions ^{at Tokyo} ~~for a~~
peaceful solution of that Tientsin incident.) And Chamberlain
also indicated that he was prepared to yield an important point
to the Japanese. He would consent to make the British concession
at Tientsin neutral.

He also told the Commons that the Japanese naval
authorities had asked all foreign ships to get out of Wenchow and
Foochow, before noon on Thursday. To that the British have said
emphatically "No."

PRINCESSES

There were swimming races at the famous Bath Club in London today, swimming races for children. Among the competitors *famous royal personages:-* were two ~~royalties~~ the Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret Rose. *and each* ~~Each of them~~ won a prize.

Maybe the British empire will have a swimming champion for its queen one of these days — a Queen of Britannia who rules the waves in two ways. & s-l-u-t-m.

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