

L.S. - Sunco. News, Feb. 28, 1938

(At this moment, a Chinese army, two hundred thousand strong, is in a tragic position:— ~~its~~ trapped in the triangle of the Yellow River. Japanese armies, speeding in trucks, made lightning raids and captured four cities, including Lin Fen, the temporary seat of the provisional government of Shansi. Thus those two hundred thousand Chinese soldiers are cut off.)

46

A dispatch from Hong Kong throws additional light on ~~the~~ Chinese ~~airplane~~ ^{over} raids ~~on~~ ^{— Formosa.} Japanese territory. As many people suspected at the time, they are an index of fresh life, fresh vigor, fresh organization in the Chinese air force; ~~its~~ ~~being~~ reorganized ^{ation} under the direction of foreign advisors; ~~and~~ ~~it's being~~ reenforced and revitalized with crack foreign planes.

According to this news from Hong Kong, the Chinese air force is now ~~actually~~ under foreign direction, mostly ^{And-} British. It's no overnight reorganization. It began last fall, ^{when} ~~More~~ ^{More} than a dozen pilots and aeronautical engineers, both British and Americans, arrived on the scene. Plants for manufacturing ~~airplanes~~ airplanes have been erected in four different parts in the Province of Kwangtung. ^{TR} It is estimated that the Chinese

now have fifty new planes of British origin.

And, there may be political significance behind this. For

it is
~~it is~~ interpreted to signify that Soviet Russia has definitely cut

off the sending of help, ^{her} planes and pilots ^{for} to China. Moscow

having
~~has~~ no stomach ~~just now~~ for a war with Japan, ~~if the Japanese~~ *just now. If the Russians*

were to ~~that~~ shoot down ^{Japanese} ~~Russian~~ planes, ~~manned by Russian pilots,~~

that might provoke ~~the~~ attack on ~~the~~ Amur ⁱⁿ ~~Province of~~ Eastern Siberia,

which
~~that~~ Stalin does not want at this moment.

RUSSIA

For years Nikolai Bukharin was the Number One editor of the Soviet papers. In both ISVESTIA and PRAVDA, he wrote many an editorial denouncing opponents as traitors to the Soviet. Today, he had the chance of reading an editorial in the paper he once edited, which described him as a traitor, a bandit.

In that editorial appeared also an express hope that the twenty-one big shot Bolsheviks who are to go to trial Wednesday "will receive what they deserve."

AUSTRIA

(Ominous news ~~comes~~ again from Austria. In the City of (Graatz) Graz, in the Province of Styria, the Nazis continue to defy the Government, wearing their uniforms and Swastika emblems.)

They are openly threatening a march on Graz, which is the capital of the province, ^{then} ~~and~~ from there to Vienna. Since Saturday, two battalions of the regular army have been protecting the city. Today Chancellor Schuschnigg is sending reinforcements, infantry with machine gun detachments.

48
Austrian jails ^{have} ~~begin~~ to fill up again. Only recently they were almost emptied by the decree of amnesty issued after Schuschnigg's visit to Hitler.

Now comes later and still more dramatic news.

(Schuschnigg has rushed three thousand more troops to Graz, with a squadron of airplanes.) At the same time, the troops in the garrison at Graz were hastily transferred to other posts. It was feared that they were sympathetic to the Nazis, might join them and start a ~~bloody~~ putsch towards Vienna. Styria has long been a hot-bed of Nazi agitation. There are now between five thousand

and six thousand federal troops watching over Graz.

At this minute all Austria is in a state of semi-alarm. Soldiers, police, machine guns and tanks are mobilized in key positions. The Nazi trouble is spreading towards the German border.

49
(In Vienna, the rumor is that Chancellor Schuschnigg is about to remove the key man of the Austrian Nazis from the Cabinet job to which he was only appointed last week.) And the news from Hitler's country capital in Bavaria is that he has appointed a new lieutenant in Austria.

GERMANY

~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler's ^{next} visit to Mussolini ^{to occur} ~~will take place~~ in May. ^{That} ~~That~~ was announced officially for the first time in Berlin today. While ~~he is~~ in Rome, ~~he'll~~ ^{the Fuehrer will} be a guest at the royal palace, the Quirinal. ^{And} ~~But~~ he'll also visit Florence and Naples.

^{Here's} Another straw in Germany shows ^{ing} which way the wind is blowing, ~~it's~~ a new army regulation. The age limit for German officers is abolished. Heretofore, they could retire at forty-five. ^{the} In future they can be compelled to serve so long as they ~~can~~ pass the medical examination. Obviously that brings an enormous increase in the number of officers available for service in the German army.

BUND

For many months there has been a great deal of talk and curiosity about the ~~Deutsch-Amerika~~ ^{German-American} Bund. It has been criticized in newspapers, denounced by Representative Dickstein, and investigated by J. Edgar Hoover's F.B.I. People who view it with alarm said it was nothing less than a Nazi organization, formed and operated for the overthrow of the American government and to install a Nazi regime at Washington. A few days ago, its fuehrer, named Fritz Kuhn, sailed on a steamer for Germany. To reporters who questioned him he denied that he was sailing. Nevertheless, he left.

So the action announced by the German Ambassador in Washington today may astonish ~~a lot of people~~ ^{many}. "All Germans in America who are still German citizens are commanded to resign ^{from} the German-American Bund!" That's orders, orders from Hitler himself. Ambassador Dieckhoff made a visit to the State Department for the express purpose of making that announcement. However, ~~that~~ ^{the} order does not affect the members of ~~that~~ ^{the} organization who have become American citizens. And it is said relatively few members of ~~that~~ ^{the} ~~Deutsch-Amerika~~ Bund are German citizens. So the order applies to very ^{few} ~~out of it~~. In other words, Hitler ordering his own people out of it.

BARUCH

We Americans in the U.S.A. have a clear and definite choice to make and we must make it soon. So says ~~the veteran~~ ^{the veteran} ~~white haired~~ Barney Baruch one time financial advisor to ~~President~~ Woodrow Wilson. "We have to choose" he says, "between our traditional system, ~~and~~ ^(the) profit system with the hope of gain, and the new European ideas, state regulation and punishment." Then he explained. "The hope of gain demands more freedom from political domination. Under any domination ~~by~~ by government there never can be sufficient freedom and hope of gain to bring about the increase of production and employment that we must have. Then, he added the ~~warning~~ warning "You can have either system. But you can not have both ~~at~~ at the same time. America must choose".

DEFENSE

It looks as though Uncle Sam might go in for fighting planes on a scale larger than has yet been imagined. Some twenty-five millions are to be set aside for experiments with ~~these~~ flying dreadnoughts. This was decided after the Naval Affairs Committee of the House had listened to Glenn Martin. He told the ~~Representatives~~ Representatives about the million dollar bomber he had just built for the Soviet Government, ^{a bomber} ~~That, you may remember, was a craft~~ weighing fifty thousand pounds, ^{able to} ~~crossing~~ the Atlantic with twenty-six passengers and a crew of ten.

And he said flying boats of that size could be built in quantities for six hundred and fifty thousand dollars apiece.

But Glenn Martin also told the House that the day was not far

off for planes weighing a hundred and forty-two tons to carry

destruction to an enemy eleven thousand miles away. ^{Uncle Sam able to bombard Lhasa, in Tibet.} ~~Battleships~~

^{Drop American Missionaries there with} ~~today need big airplanes to protect them~~ ^{parachutes and Bibles.}

There seems to be no question today that President

Roosevelt's billion dollar bill for a fighting navy will go

through. All indications point that way. But fifteen or twenty-five

millions of it will be used for ^{aviation} ~~those~~ experiments, ~~that is,~~ providing the senators concur with Chairman Vinson of the House Committee.

NAVY FOLLOW DEFENSE

~~Some people may be surprised at a bulletin that just came from London. There's going to be a meeting of naval experts of the British Admiralty tomorrow. There will be not only British experts but also experts from France and some of America. They are Uncle Sam's. And, this is what may sound surprising: they are going to draw up joint plans for the building of bigger and better battleships.~~

That sounds startling in view of denials from Washington that there is any understanding between John Bull and Uncle Sam about naval plans. Actually, it's no contradiction. Those naval experts are meeting in accordance with the Naval Treaty signed by the three powers at London in NineteenThirty-Six, ~~That's~~ the conference on which Japan walked out. The proposal to ~~tax~~ get together on the building of bigger battleships is in answer to Japan's refusal to exchange information with the Western powers. Under that London Naval Treaty of NineteenThirty-Six, John Bull, France and Uncle Sam are obligated to consult amongst themselves in case they want to go beyond the limits laid down two years ago.

SUPREME COURT

54

A conspicuous change is being observed in that conservative body, the United States Supreme Court. Formerly it was a tradition that new members would sit more or less quiet, learn the ropes, and wait a few months before they wrote any opinions. The two latest additions to ^{the high} ~~the~~ bench are breaking precedent. Mr. Justice Black started to write opinions, even dissenting opinions, ⁱⁿ ~~after he had been sitting in that court for~~ a very short time. And Mr. Justice Stanley Reed, who took the oath ^{a few weeks} ~~barely a month~~ ago, wrote his first opinion today. ~~It was~~ not in a spectacular or breath-taking case, but Mr. Reed's decision did reverse ^a ~~the~~ ruling of the Court of Appeals.

The most important opinions of the Supreme Court today, concern ^{ed} labor. One of them substantially strengthened the power of the National Labor Relations Board. The other dissolved an injunction of the lower courts against picketing. A union had called a strike against a butcher in Milwaukee. He went to ~~the~~ court and got ~~an injunction on the ground that he didn't~~ employ members of the Union and therefore there was no labor law involved. The Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the District Court. But the Supreme Court said "No."

Secretary Ickes will have his official press agent after all. You may remember the hub-bub that arose when he asked Congress for fifty thousand dollars for a publicity bureau in the Department of Interior. It came up before the House today. Several representatives, particularly ~~xx~~ Republicans objected vehemently. But, their voices were raised in vain, ~~Harold gets his fifty thousand grand.~~

25
But one thing he did not get was a private little ogpu in his department. The House turned down his request for a division of investigation to inquire into "official matters under the control of the department" as the official language read.

MONEY

There appears to be some slight disagreement in Washington about Uncle Sam's pocketbook. "It's in fine shape," says Secretary Morgenthau. "It's ⁱⁿ terrible ^{shape.}" says Senator McKellar of Tennessee. "The cash position of the Treasury is so favorable that ^{the U.S.A.} ~~Uncle~~ can carry out ^{its} ~~his~~ March financing program without asking for new money." So says the Secretary. "No one knows what our revenues will be next year," counters the ^{veteran} Tennessee Senator. And he added: "I predict there will be a deficit of at least two billions and perhaps between three and four. ~~billions.~~"

Senator Vandenburg of Michigan poured oil on the troubled fires. He was unkind enough to read a quotation from President Roosevelt ^{saying} ~~to the effect~~ that "most governments are wrecked on the rocks of ^a loose fiscal policy."

~~Just a typical episode of one day of public life at the capitol.~~
The nation's fate is the nation's money.

PERSHING

~~Good news from Tucson, ~~General~~ ~~Black Jack Pershing~~, Commander-~~

in-Chief of the A.E.F., is still Black Jack Pershing, ^{still} fighting ^{for} ~~life.~~

~~staunchly.~~ He was able to take nourishment today and though

the doctors refuse to give out any rose-colored bulletins, the

aged General is more than holding his own.

2

KIDNAP

Once again the black hand of the snatcher, ~~seems to have been stretched out~~. A twelve year old boy, ~~has been~~ missing since Thursday from his ~~father's~~ home in New Rochelle, a suburb of New York. And the talk is of a sixty thousand dollar ransom.

But there's ~~much discord and conflict in the news on this case~~. ^{contradiction in this item,} The police say one thing, the boy's father issues a different statement. [^] Young Peter Levine, in the seventh grade ~~of the public school, didn't~~ ^{failed to} come home Thursday evening. But, one of his schoolmates walked part ^{way home} ~~of the way~~ with him, leaving him at a corner near his house. ~~He had been wearing corduroy knickers and a red jacket decorated with the picture of an Indian. No general alarm was sent out, the family kept the disappearance a secret.~~

This morning the New Rochelle police announced:- "Peter Levine is back home. The case is closed so far as we're concerned." But Murray Levine, the father, has a story that doesn't jibe with that. Said he:- "The authorities, local and federal, promised me that I ^{will} ~~can~~ be permitted to negotiate for the return of my son without interference." Then he went on: "Those who may be holding my son can safely deal with me." ~~Then he made a plea to newspapers~~

~~"Please don't telephone my home or have reporters hanging around the house. I also beg my friends and the public to leave my home and telephone alone."~~

There's a rumor that late Thursday a note was left at Levine's home demanding sixty thousand dollars for the boy. But that rumor is one of those grapevine affairs. ~~The neighbors say~~

~~Mr. Levine would have a tough job raising any substantial portion of sixty thousand dollars.~~

The story is full of strange confusion.

~~All of which makes it difficult to understand the statement of the boy's father.~~

SEADLUND FOLLOW KIDNAP

While this story broke from New Rochelle another kidnapper was getting ready to meet his fate. In Chicago a Federal Court began the trial of John Henry Seadlund, the man who kidnapped and murdered Charles ~~W~~ Ross. The case took an unexpected turn. The federal judge had appointed a former member of the Illinois Supreme Court to defend

Seadlund, ^{and} ~~he~~ ^{he} began by making an attack on the Lindbergh Kidnap Law, ^{calling it} ~~as being~~ unconstitutional. When the judge overruled his motion the counsel then implied that he would appeal

the case, take it to the United States Supreme Court, ^{in the hope of having} ~~to have~~ ^{the} ~~that~~ Lindbergh Kidnap Law declared void.

To the astonishment of everybody the next step was that Seadlund pleaded guilty, ^{said} ~~and his counsel then~~ informed ~~the court that~~ he would rather go to the ~~six and~~ chair and have it over with ^{rather than} ~~preference~~ ~~waiting~~ indefinitely in jail. Two weeks from ~~xxx~~ now the court will pronounce sentence.

CAPONE

Q
~~handsome~~ [^] superbly dressed blonde ~~woman~~ landed on Alcatraz Island today, ^{there} ~~she went~~ to visit one of the inmates of that grim federal prison. It was Mrs. Capone, wife of Scar-Face Al. ^{Not} ~~this was her~~ [^] the first time she had visited her gangster husband. ^{She has} ~~Indeed, she had~~ been a regular ~~staunch~~ and devoted caller. But, it was her first visit since ~~Mr. Capone~~ collapsed, his mind ^{said to have given} ~~apparently giving~~ way under the strain.

8 1/2
It was noticed that the utmost precautions were taken to safe-guard Mrs. Scar-Face Al from ~~questioning~~ reporters. ^{What happened between them nobody knows.} ~~But observers got close enough to see that she~~ was dressed in a fashionable ensemble trimmed with grey fur.

WHIPPING POST

The Maryland Free State preserves, among other
~~xxx~~ institutions the whipping post for a certain class of
offenders. *#* A Baltimore gentleman will get his taste of it
tomorrow. He was convicted of having administered an
excessive shellacing to his wife. He chastised the little
woman so severely that she had to have three stitches in her
head. So, said the judge, "Twenty lashes and ~~f~~ six months
in jail". Said the little woman "It should have been a
hundred lashes and life in jail" and she added, "I'm going
to be there and watch, ~~even if~~ *although* my eyes are still so
swollen that I ~~xxx~~ won't be able to see the whip," *Said she*
happily.
~~and, SO LONG UNPIL TOMORROW~~

59

59 1/4