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JAPAN

~~There is~~ <sup>g</sup> grave alarm in England over events in the Far East. The Japanese attack on Canton threatens one of the most valuable possessions of the English, - their trade with South China. John Bull has huge commercial interests in the rich and populous region of which Canton is the commercial center. The British trade there runs into millions of dollars every year. If the Mikado's armies capture Canton, the result will be disastrous to important financial circles in England.

The Japanese advance towards Canton was <sup>in some sense a</sup> ~~a great~~ surprise. It had been widely rumored that there was an agreement between Tokyo and London. John Bull <sup>to</sup> ~~would~~ keep hands off, not interfere with the Japanese invasion of north China, so long as the British sphere of influence in south China was let alone. <sup>But</sup> This latest <sup>move was</sup> ~~invasion was~~ <sup>within the past fortnight</sup> ~~of course,~~ prepared <sup>and</sup> set under way while the time and energies of the British government were occupied by affairs in central Europe. Hence <sup>tonights</sup> ~~the~~ alarm and excitement in London.

PALESTINE

That war in the Holy Land grows more grim. Sandbag fortifications in the sacred city of Bethlehem. But the word from Jerusalem is that British tommyes have been busy erecting those barricades under a constant fire from Arab soldiers.

Also, there were heavy casualties on the road to Hebron, south of Bethlehem. British troops were attacked by a large force of Arabs and had to be rescued by airplanes -- only a few miles from the tomb of Abraham.

POPE

The Pope ~~plus~~ has ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~several~~ biting things to say, on ~~the subject~~ <sup>and he said them</sup> ~~of~~ what's going on in the world, ~~today. They were made public~~ today -- in an apostolic letter addressed by the Holy See to the Catholic cardinals, archbishops, bishops and priests of America. The letter was sent on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Said the Pope to his American clergy: "The world has entered upon one of those periods of unrest and ~~of~~ conflict which have been well described as turning points of history." In consequence, he pointed out, ~~Christian~~ "Christian doctrine and Christian morality are under attack from several quarters." ~~and~~ <sup>Me</sup> said further: "Dangerous theories, which but a few years ago were but whispered are today preached from the housetops. Private immorality and public subversion have in many places raised the banner of revolt against the Cross of Christ."

And then he added: "In the name of God, the Catholic cries out against any social philosophies which degrade man to the position of a pawn without soul in a sordid game of power and prestige, and regard man as a mere chattel in commercial competition of profit. We protest against any social philosophy that would set man at the threat of his fellows in a blind, brutish class struggle for existence."

## CYRIL

At the American Hospital in Paris, a patient died today. And few people have had a more romantic life. To thousands of persons now alive, he represented majesty. <sup>And</sup> he called himself Czar of all the Russians. And <sup>such all the</sup> ~~all so-called~~ White Russians ~~so~~ recognized him. But they, like himself, are exiles. He was a monarch without a throne, an emperor without an empire, though he had plenty of money.

~~He was~~ Born ~~the~~ Grand Duke Cyril, ~~as such, he was a~~ cousin of Czar Nicholas the Second, and <sup>the male</sup> next in line for the imperial crown in case the sickly young czarovitch were to die. <sup>P</sup> Romance came into his life at an early age. He fell violently in love with a fair cousin, the Princess Victoria Melita, Grand Duchess of Hesse. But he wasn't allowed to marry her. In that day princesses, even grand duchesses, married whom they were told to marry. <sup>So</sup> The Grand Duchess Victoria Melita ~~therefore~~ became the wife of another Grand Duke, a German.

Soon after that, the Russo-Japanese War broke out. Then came the rumor that the Grand Duke Cyril, who was serving with the army, had been killed in action. The false report had

a most violent and unexpected effect upon the fair Grand Duchess, who had been Cyril's only true love. She ~~was~~ left her husband and her throne, refused to have anything to do with either, went home to mother and waited there. Eventually, her husband got tired of waiting and divorced her. Thereupon she <sup>finally</sup> married her first and only love, the Grand Duke Cyril. <sup>H</sup> To that extent the course of true love was finally smoothed out. <sup>B</sup> But it infuriated Cyril's imperial cousin, the Czar Nicholas. ~~He had himself married a woman whom he didn't care a hoot about and didn't see why everybody else shouldn't do the same. So~~ <sup>he</sup> gave his romantic young cousin the works, stripped him of all his official commands and, what was worse, of the salaries that went with them. So Cyril found himself in the awkward position of being a grand duke with a brand new grandduchess, but not the enormous income that usually goes with the job. <sup>However</sup> In Nineteen Fourteen, there was a reconciliation, Cyril was restored to his ranks and commands. When the revolution broke out, <sup>he</sup> ~~Cyril~~ and his grandduchess made their escape into exile.

After the Bolsheviks had shot Czar Nicholas and all his family, including the ~~diseased~~ young Czarovitch, Cyril became

*the so-called,*

~~in his place~~ "Czar of all the Russias." As such, from time to

time, he held a miniature court in Paris and elsewhere, bestowed honors upon his adherents, and ~~even~~ awarded commands and official

positions to the faithful. *Even* ~~He also~~ issued manifestos. In one of

them he promised when, as and if he was restored to the throne

of his family, he would retain the Socialist system, while at the

same time instituting free elections, free press, and all sorts of

other institutions that no real Socialist would endure. In short,

he became known as the Socialist Czar and rather welcomed the idea.

The Grand Duke Cyril was sixty-two years old. *Now* <sup>†</sup> The pretender

to the Russian throne is ~~now~~ his ~~eldest son~~, twenty-one year old ~~son~~,

Vladimir Cyrillovitch.

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CZECHS

*Concerning* The plight of the Czechs, <sup>here's the latest:-</sup> ~~continues to be grave~~ The Hungarians ~~envoys~~ tonight threaten to break off negotiations. They claim that the proposals of the representatives of Czechoslovakia for the return of Magyar territory ~~were~~ <sup>are</sup> unsatisfactory.

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In London, the British government today received the result of the work of the International Commission of Ambassadors. They ~~men~~ <sup>who have</sup> had been drawing up the new boundary <sup>yes</sup> for Czechoslovakia. And the result shows that ~~Fuehrer~~ <sup>indeed</sup> Hitler has won virtually everything ~~that~~ he asked for at Godesberg. The region turned over to Germany amounts to approximately fifteen thousand square miles. With ~~them~~ <sup>it</sup> goes a population of three million, eight hundred thousand. <sup>And,</sup> say the Czechs, that means ~~that~~ <sup>more</sup> eight hundred thousand ~~Czechs~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~fall~~ under the Nazi yoke.

VIENNA

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Just when it looked as though Cardinal Innitzer of Vienna might work out his problems with Hitler, word came over the wire -- just a moment ago that the Nazi party tonight started an open crusade against <sup>the</sup> Cardinal ~~Innitzer~~. Nazi police confiscated the Cardinal's appeal in which he insists on religious wedding ceremonies.

The Nazi official paper, the Wiener Neueste Nachrichten in bold ~~headlines~~ <sup>headlines</sup> tonight says: "An end must be put to the methods of the Cardinal who at one moment shows the velvet paw and at the next moment arouses political squabbles." Then it adds: "He can organize a church choir, but not a choir of street shouters." *Insert*

The Nazi police have confiscated all pictures of the damage done to the Cardinal's palace in Vienna.



TRADE TREATY

*Ferr* ~~Fucker~~ <sup>^</sup> *has* ~~Hitler's men have~~ <sup>^</sup> been cherishing hopes <sup>of</sup> including  
Uncle Sam in <sup>a</sup> ~~their~~ <sup>^</sup> network of trade treaties. This has been known  
in Washington for some time, but only today was it openly stated.  
Walter Funk, Hitler's Minister of Economics, had just finished  
making one of those barter treaties with Turkey. Whereupon he  
announced that he was about to open negotiations with Washington.  
The answer in Washington is, though not officially, nevertheless  
*The answer is:*  
definitely, "Nothing doing!"

Some time ago, Secretary Hull said he was anxious to  
increase trade with Germany. But, he added, that it would be  
impossible under the barter system now employed by Germany. The  
reciprocal trade idea, in Hull's policy, is based on a general free  
flow of trade. In that there is no room for barter.

RICHBERG

*— remember him?*

Donald Richberg, <sup>^</sup>formerly head of the defunct N.R.A., <sup>?</sup>*He*

got some gloomy words off his chest today. <sup>Speaking</sup>~~He spoke~~ in Chicago

to the National Association of Food Chains, Richberg gave vent to the opinion that a general war in Europe has not been avoided, but

only postponed, ~~"postponed, he said,~~ long enough to permit Hitler

to dismember Czechoslovakia and <sup>thus</sup> ~~to~~ split a superior opposition

into inferior fragments."

Then said the former chief of the N.R.A.: "Now we can

devote our attention to fighting our <sup>way</sup>~~selves~~ back to prosperity

in a ruthless competition to exploit and waste the great natural

and human resources of America. America," he added, "inevitably

faces the same conflict between ~~democracy~~ autocracy and democracy

that now prevails in Europe." He cited the efforts of Congress

and legislatures to break up general store systems as an illustration

of <sup>his point.</sup> ~~what he said~~

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WAGE-HOUR

One of the first public announcements was made today by the ~~latest~~<sup>newest</sup> federal official, the Administrator of the Wage-Hour Bill.

*And* It will interest ~~quite a number of people~~<sup>many.</sup>. Administrator Andrews declared ~~that~~<sup>s</sup> that the new minimum wage-maximum hour law applies to watchmen, clerks, stenographers, messengers and maintenance workers in all interstate commerce industries. Such people are entitled to the benefits of the law, whether they perform their work at home, in a factory, or elsewhere, said ~~Andrews~~<sup>he.</sup>.

BUSINESS

As a rule, figures, statistics, are just about the gloomiest thing one can talk about. But a set of them ~~that~~ were made public today <sup>that</sup> ~~actually~~ sound exciting. Translated into letters, those statistics spell prosperity with a capital "P", prosperity for Uncle Sam on a big scale. The figures in question were gathered by economists for the Alexander Hamilton Institute. Those economists estimate that America's national income for the second half of Nineteen Thirty-Eight will have shot up five billion dollars, five billions more in the second half ~~of the year~~ than in the first six months.

They say also that in the last ~~five~~ months more than one million people who were unemployed, are ~~now back~~ on the job.

These optimistic dispatches are also backed up by reports from individual industries and other authorities. Steel production is up. And the boom in the building trade is, boomier than ever. Retail trade is on the climb. And a hopeful statement was issued in Detroit by Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., Chairman of the Board of

General Motors. Speaking for the automobile industry, he said: "Business in Nineteen Thirty-Nine will be not only better than last year, but in some cases better than in Nineteen Thirty-Seven."

*more care to use Blue Sunoco.*  
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STRIKE

The sit down strike with us again! And again it's  
in Detroit. The workers in the factory of the Motor Products Company  
knocked off today -- and there they sit. The company in question  
manufactures motor car accessories. The sit down apparently has  
the approval of the union, the United Automobile Workers.

## PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

The City of Brotherly Love is the city of most unbrotherly fights today. For seven days the street cleaners of Philadelphia have been out, demanding more wages and shorter hours. The City Fathers refused to give in and for a while it looked as though Philadelphians would have a tough time disposing of -- things to be disposed of -- rubbish. But, the authorities put strike-breakers on the job; and today fighting broke out. What's more there were fires in the stables owned by the city. They didn't do much damage, for the fire department was on the job.

## DROUGHT

It seems only yesterday that we were talking about the terrific rainfall. Now it's drought. From the Mississippi to the Rocky Mountains they've had no rain for weeks. They need it badly. Even in the Ohio Valley, farmers are crying out for moisture, from the heavens; their crop of winter wheat seed threatened. The area that needs rain is unusually wide. So says Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau in its weekly crop bulletin.

FIRES FOLLOW DROUGHT

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Those forest fires are still burning along the Canadian border. Twenty-one casualties so far. Tonight five thousand men are fighting the flames that are sweeping over an area of seven hundred square miles.



BASEBALL

Baseball fans in the season that's just over, had one <sup>heartening</sup> spectacle, ~~that they welcomed,~~ the spectacle of Babe Ruth in uniform once more. As a coach for the Brooklyn Dodgers, he added <sup>a welcome splash of</sup> ~~quite a good deal to~~ the color <sup>to the</sup> games in Brooklyn and elsewhere. When he took the job, it was widely rumored that he might be the next manager of the Dodgers. Of course he never made any secret of the fact that it was the dearest wish of his heart to become a manager of some big league club. When the job of managing the Dodgers fell vacant a couple of weeks ago, there were rumors that the Babe, the one-time Sultan of Swat, might finally achieve his great ambition.

But evidently it was not to be. Once again the Bambino loses his hope. Instead of going to him, that job goes to a man who was a relatively unimportant player on the Yankee team when Ruth was its big hero, a one-time short-stop named Durócher. <sup>— so talkative.</sup> His nickname, for reasons quite obvious, is "Lippy Leo". That's the man who has the berth in which many people would have liked to see the erstwhile <sup>Sultan of Swat.</sup> ~~home-run king~~

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KIDNAP

There was a wedding at Marietta, Ohio, last Monday.

The bride was a farmer's daughter, twenty-two years old, the groom a revivalist of the Nazarene sect, ~~He~~ forty-two years old; ~~and~~ his name ~~is~~ Joseph A. Dixon. Evidently some of the folks in those parts resented the wedding, though just what it was that they resented does ~~not~~ ~~yet~~ appear on the record. At any rate, ~~Revivalist~~

58/2 <sup>alist</sup> ~~Revivalist~~ Dixon on his bridal night was snatched from the side of his palpitating bride, taken out into the country, tarred, feathered and told to get out. ~~Not only to get out but to stay out.~~

<sup>Sometimes</sup>  
~~Usually~~ affairs like that are more or less ignored by the authorities. But the law of Ohio took this case seriously. Revivalist Dixon charged that the kidnapping was done by kinsfolk and friends of the bride. Not only that, he named them. So they were arrested and today they had to put up a thousand dollars bail ~~for~~ each. <sup>And -</sup> ~~one of them~~ They range in years from the bride's father, sixty-five years old, to a youthful cousin of seventeen. It's also interesting to learn that one of those arrested, under bond and charged with kidnapping the evangelist, was another evangelist

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of that same Nazarene sect who two weeks ago married the bride's sister. All in all, you might call it quite a family ~~affair~~ and feather affair.