

S.I. - Sunoco. Thursday, May 18, 1939.

(Today in the troubled land of Palestine there were mingled solemnity and violence - solemn protest and violent protest. All because of yesterday's British White Paper, London's decree that the Holy Land shall be an independent nation with a two-to-one majority of Arabs, the Jews in a permanent minority - an end to the Balfour Declaration and the dream of a Jewish homeland.)

(Everywhere in Palestine there were solemn demonstrations of grief - particularly in Jerusalem, at the Wailing Wall.)

Forty thousand Jews gathered before those age-old stones that are ~~not~~ said to have been part of the ancient Temple. They ~~were~~ ~~thronging~~ thronged at the Wailing Wall, where for so many centuries the Jews have wailed over the sorrows of Zion. And then they marched through the streets chanting passages from the Old Testament, passages prophecying the return of Israel and the resurrection of Zion.

The climax was when Chief ~~Rabbi~~ Rabbi Isaac Herzog ^{Oh} intoned the old chant - "If I forget thee Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten." And symbolically he ~~a~~ tore up a copy of the British White Paper.

Such was the solemnity, with the reminiscent grandeur of age-old things. And now - here's the violence. All Jewish activities in Palestine are tied up by a general strike, and clashes are occurring everywhere. The chief ^{focus} ~~spot~~ of trouble today was, as might be expected, the Holy City. (A late dispatch from Jerusalem tells of a bitter battle when a Jewish parade ~~demonstration~~ ^{to} attacked the offices of the British district commissioner. They smashed the windows, ripped down a signboard, and ~~they~~ fought with the police.) There was a furious melee - thirty-five Jews injured and two of the police.

There was another fight, when Jewish youth had its own demonstration - boys too young to take part in the official protest. They gathered in the central square of Jerusalem. ^{There} They shouted, "England ^{has} betrayed us!" And they stoned patrols of police. A check-up of today's fighting in the Holy City gives a figure of more than a hundred casualties, - that many injured in the rioting, scores in hospitals.

Another center of disturbance was Tel Aviv, that newly built Jewish city, ^{— next door to Jaffa,} There was ~~rit~~ rioting in Tel Aviv

yesterday, and ~~there was~~ more of it today. Barrages of stones, slashing batons of the police - and forty persons were given medical treatment for injuries.

Around the world today, Jewry expressed its protest.

In London, a menacing statement was issued by the president of the new organization of Zionist extremists. This group claims to represent ^{more than} ~~three-quarters~~ of a million Jews, and the statement threatens armed resistance. "Jews will use all means not excluding force," says the proclamation, "to ensure that they are not robbed of Palestine. The Jewish state must be reestablished," the declaration goes on, "and Jews are prepared to make the highest sacrifice no matter how long it takes." This organization of Zionist^s ~~extremists~~ now calls on all Jews who are ready to die for Palestine, calls upon them to register their names.

In New York, the gravest voice heard was that of former Supreme Court Justice Brandeis. He speaks out saying - "Jews will continue to enter Palestine." The British White Paper decrees that Jewish immigration will be radically curtailed in the next five years, and then it will be stopped altogether - no further

Jews to enter Palestine after Nineteen Forty-Four. To this former Supreme Court Justice Brandeis responds through the medium of a friend - Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Chicago. The Rabbi, after talking on the phone to the former Justice, quotes him as saying, "Jews will continue to enter Palestine."

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All this accompanied by a protest to our Government in Washington.

CHINA

The international squabble at the South Chinese port of Amoy seems to be intended as a mere rehearsal for Shanghai. When the Japanese pushed into the foreign area at Amoy, their purpose seems to have been to set a precedent for Shanghai and the International Settlement there. American, British and French marines promptly made a counter landing, as a reply to the Japanese. And that seems to have check-mated the Mikado's men, who now have retired.

~~The Japanese want to get hold of the various foreign districts on the ^{China} ~~foreign~~ Coast, especially the big one, Shanghai. And they picked the unimportant foreign section of Amoy as an entering wedge. The wedge, however, ~~wasn't~~ ^{didn't} entered - that seems to be the interpretation of the Amoy incident.~~

~~H~~ The Japanese are complaining that the Shanghai International ~~Settlement~~ Settlement is being used by Chinese terrorists as a base for attacks against Japanese supporters. And a late dispatch from Shanghai tells that the Settlement authorities have started a house to house search for terrorists.

ESPIONAGE

In Washington the G-men asked for money to fight spies, and today the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives said - okay. The Committee put its approval on a fund of three hundred thousand dollars to finance a G-man drive against foreign secret agents who seek to steal our military secrets.

The Committee action was taken as a result of testimony given by J. Edgar Hoover, the F.B.I. chief and boss of the G-men. J. Edgar Hoover gave figures to prove the increase of espionage in the United States during the past year or so. He showed that spy cases had averaged thirty-five annually during the five years before Nineteen Thirty-Eight. Last year, however, six hundred and thirty-four secret agent cases were investigated, and the Number One G-man believes that there'll be ^{maybe eight} ~~seven~~ hundred ~~and seventy-two~~ cases during the present year. He added that the Army and Navy have asked the F.B.I. to help hunt spies in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the Canal Zone, and the Philippines - and there aren't enough G-men right now to do all that work.

Hence, today's appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars; to be used for a counter-espionage drive by the G-men.

NAVY

The Senate today passed the Naval Appropriations Bill -
that bill which is unusual in two ways. First, it's of
record-breaking size, providing more than seven hundred and
seventy-three million dollars to build up the Navy, - funds *to construct*
~~for~~ twenty-three new warships including two super-giant
battleships ^{of} forty-five thousand tons each. Secondly, the bill
includes ^{that} a clause ~~that~~ forbids ^{ing the} the Navy to buy ^{any} ~~no~~ more Argentine
canned beef. The President approved of the purchase of canned
beef from South America, but Congress ^{says NO,} ~~turned to swift and~~
~~decisive opposition.~~

ARMY

Cut all ?

This summer the United States Army will stage its greatest training manuevres since the World War. Four hundred thousand soldiers will take the field for battle games in various parts of the country. They will include a hundred and ten thousand men of the regular army and three hundred thousand officers and soldiers of the National Guard and reserve organizations. The Army will mobilize our entire fighting force for national defense - that is, for immediate defense, right away.

~~The Army command figures that if war should come suddenly, this country could put four hundred thousand troops in the field for quick action - that many to hold the line until the man power of the nation could be mobilized and trained.~~

BRIDGE

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New York is not to have ^{that} a bridge from the Battery to Brooklyn -- so says Major-General Schley, Chief of Army Engineers. The idea was to throw a span across the lowest ~~part~~ part of the East River, from the Southern tip of Manhattan ~~across~~ to Brooklyn. Mayor La Guardia was for it, and so was his ^{Park} ~~partner~~ Commissioner Robert Moses. Other New Yorkers opposed ^{the} ~~to~~ Battery bridge plan, saying a tunnel should be dug instead.

However, the authority to decide was the United States Army -- because a bridge down there near the Army's own Governor's Island has a good deal to do with New York Harbor defense. So application was made to the Army Engineering Corps, and the reply is -- Nothing doing.

In his refusal, Major-General Schley points out that to build a Battery bridge they'd have to put piers in the East River, which busy stream is already congested with water traffic. ^{So} It would add to the hazards and obstruction. The bridge would be, in the General's words, "an unreasonable obstruction." ^{of} free navigation in the East River part of New York Harbor.

S.E.C.

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A new Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission was selected today - Jerome N. Frank. The post of S.E.C. Chairman became vacant when the previous Chairman went to the Supreme Court - ~~the present~~ Mr. Justice William O. Douglas.

S.E.C. chairmen are elected by members of the Commission. Hitherto, they ~~also~~ ^{members have} been unanimous in their selections, but today they were divided. The two Republican ^S ~~members~~ voted against Jerome N. Frank, but the three Democrats carried the day.

MINES

Today in Harlan County, Kentucky, the High Splint Coal Mine was in operation, defying the Union - and a detachment of state soldiers was on guard. Then over a hill appeared twenty-five union pickets. The militiamen ordered them to halt. The Union pickets shouted in return - "We're going to close ~~this~~ this mine!" And immediately shooting began.

One of the soldiers reports the incident in these words:-
"The pickets opened fire," says he. "Bullets started spattering around the guardsmen. The guards were instructed to return the fire with their rifles, aiming over the heads of the advancing men. When the guards began to shoot, the pickets scrambled back up the hill and disappeared." The account goes on to say that about twenty-five shots were fired, but nobody was injured.

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This was today's outstanding incident in the Harlan County mine war - though it was just one of a whole series of lesser episodes of violence. The Union has established a twenty-four hour picket line, and says it's determined to fight it out to the bitter end. The mine operators seem likewise determined, so there's no sign of labor peace in Harlan County tonight.

LEWIS

In Washington a Congressman introduced a resolution in the House today, calling for the investigation of John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers Union. Republican Representative Hoffman of Michigan called for the appointment of a five-man investigating committee, and he gives out a hint that the C.I.O. chief may perhaps have received assurance that he'll get government aid; - *there may be some idea of using* ~~that~~ the United States army ~~may be used~~ against the state troops of Kentucky to enforce a union victory in Harlan County.

FAIR

We have made such progress in the last forty years, that it would take the workers of 1900 a ninety-four hour work week to turn out the goods which our 1939 workers produce in an ordinary week of work. Yet we are on the thresholds of even greater developments, say the scientists.

We are getting ready to turn sugar-cane into board; seaweed into leather, fishskin into shoes; cow's milk into clothing. Why, we have silent sound waves to make seeds grow faster.

All this I learned today at the World's Fair.

It was my second visit. Altho I only stayed for a couple of hours, it was long enough to discover that the Fair is even more impressive than I had thought. Charles Green, righthand man to Grover Whalen, strolled around the grounds and gave me a few flashes of the vast store of Fair knowledge that he has in his mind. Incidentally, he said he had been touring the Fair for the last ten days, almost continuously, and hasn't yet had a look at all of it. He mentioned that there are a hundred and four buildings and some fifteen thousand exhibits,

all of which are free -- no charge.

This happened to be Asbury Park day at the Fair.

In addition to being a famous seaside resort, Asbury is

celebrated for its tulips. In ^{honor of} ~~honor of~~ the occasion,

Holland and Asbury had set out over a million tulips, in

bloom, at the Fair, making the boulevards a riot of color.

MURDER SYNDICATE

Today they captured the woman with the kiss of death. Who did? Why, the G-men. Mrs. Rose Carina was wanted in that sinister fantasy in Philadelphia - the poison syndicate affair, merchants of death. The police say she was a prominent figure in the long stream of poisonings for insurance. They called her a modern Borgia - naming her after those Borgias of ~~the~~ Renaissance ~~&~~ Rome who left so evil a reputation. The specific charge against Mrs. ~~BORGIA~~ Rose Carina is connected with the deaths of two of her husbands - both heavily insured, both suspected of having been poisoned. They couldn't find the woman with the kiss of death, and J. Edgar Hoover's F.B.I. was called into the case.

Yesterday in Philadelphia, the G-men were given a warrant, and today in New York they arrested that modern Borgia whose kiss ^{meant the end -} ~~was death~~ ^{they tell us here was} ~~so they say.~~ ~~for this was murder.~~
the kiss of murder.

KING

(In Montreal today there was a beating of drums and a thundering of cannon. The drums beat loudly as military detachments marched to their places, as guards of honor for the King and Queen. The cannon shots reechoed one after another, as Montreal gave the royal salute of twenty-one guns to their visiting Majesties.)

Today George and Elizabeth, in their special streamlined train, went speeding from Quebec westward, and arrived at Montreal, the metropolis of the dominion, to receive an immense ovation, vast crowds, pomp and ceremony. King George also received a love letter. It reads this way:- "That girl who checked your coat at the legislative building yesterday, loves you."

I wonder what Queen Elizabeth has to say about that. The lovelorn damsel is the daughter of a deputy government minister, one of the eminent young ladies who were attendants at yesterday's festivities - and she says she fell in love.

But I don't imagine that His Majesty's Ambassador in Washington fell in love with the assembled reporters today.

Sir Ronald Lindsay is a shy man, not the kind who likes publicity. He had a press reception today after various representations were made to him, arguments telling of the great public interest the royal visit is stirring in the United States. Sir Ronald faced the newspaper men and women, and was startled by a barrage of flashes the photographers set off.^{TP} His Excellency had to answer ^a~~the~~ variety of questions. For example, "What's the purpose of the royal visit to the United States?"

"There's no political purpose in it at all," he said, "just a friendly call."

The newspaper women put in a complaint, because so few of them were invited to attend the British Embassy Garden Party for Their Majesties. Sir Ronald was somewhat at a loss to answer that, but he finally said: "The garden party is just like heaven, you know. Some are taken and some are not."

He was asked whether Their Majesties would meet any average Americans. To which he responded: ~~There are~~ "Average Americans? There are an awful lot of them, you know."

And so there are. The sovereigns of Britain could hardly be expected to shake hands with all ~~the~~ ^{the} million of them.

(Handwritten: Hundred and twenty)

And so the average American will say s-f-u-t-m.

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