

P.J. - Sunset. Friday, Nov. 18, 1938.

FOG

New England was a dim, obscure sort of place today - dim with fog and obscure with white mist. That's the sort of thing that bothers ships. A whole fleet of vessels is anchored outside of Boston, waiting for the visibility to improve. And two craft went aground off Winthrop; the pilots blinded by fog couldn't locate the markings of the channel.

Even traffic on land is fog-bound. The state police broadcast warnings to motorists telling them to keep off certain routes - where the misty white was at its densest.

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MEXICO

A victory for woman suffrage! The ladies are to get the vote - in Mexico. Today, a Constitutional Committee appointed by the Mexican Chamber of Deputies, handed in a unanimous report, saying - yes, let the women vote. The Committee recommends ^{that} the Constitution be modified to grant woman suffrage.

The constitutional conditions are to be, married women of eighteen years of age and over to have the sacred right of the ballot. Single women of twenty and over to enjoy the inestimable privilege of suffrage, if -- Yes, there's an IF.

And it's phrased in these constitutional words: "If they have an honest mode of making a living." ^{The Latin touch.} Those Mexican cabelleros are

finicky, they want their politics pure. ^{f S-L-U-T-M.}

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SHIPWRECK

This afternoon, to the Nantucket Lightship, an open boat came rowing. In it three sailors, exhausted, on the verge of perishing. And with them the body of their skipper. Two days ago, the New Bedford fishing trawler, VALENCIA, was caught in a violent storm out on the frigid North Atlantic. Her seams opened. The craft with its cargo of fish was sinking. The captain climbed up into the rigging and took with him a blanket. There was no flag aboard to fly a distress signal, so he nailed ~~xxx~~ the blanket at the top of the mast - to summon the aid of any passing ship.

The rigging was icy, with the spray freezing on every line and spar. And the skipper, as he started on his way down, slipped and fell to the deck, and was killed. The trawler was foundering, when the crew of three launched the boat and took with them the body of their captain. They had to row for thirty-four hours, and couldn't have lasted much longer ~~when~~ *through an almost Arctic storm -* today they made the Nantucket Lightship.

C.I.O.

The reorganized C.I.O., the Congress of Industrial Organizations - elected its first president today. The vote was unanimous. And who do you think was chosen? You don't have to think long - John L. Lewis, of course. *The founder and chairman of the old C.I.O.*

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The labor leader of ^{the} deep roaring voice and shaggy eyebrows, received a stampeding ovation such as usually accompanies the selection of a presidential nominee at a national convention.

(There are in this country ^{on visitor's permits} ~~between twelve~~ twelve and fifteen thousand people who belong to the ~~oppressed~~ oppressed minority in Germany and Austria.) Normally, when their ^{six} ~~month~~ ^{month} ~~visitors~~ permits expire they go back -- or ^{be} ~~are~~ sent back.

That would return them to the oppression from which they are in effect -- refugees. The permits of most of them are due to expire on December 30. So, their predicament is an urgent

one. ^{What's} What's to be done about it? President Roosevelt, announced that today by saying that the six months permits would be ~~permitted~~ renewed, extended. -- ~~so that~~ They won't have to go back to

Naziland at the beginning of the year, ^{— maybe never.} The President said that the case of these refugees from Germany was much the same as that of the White Russians some years back, to whom a return to Russia would have probably meant execution by the Soviets.

(The President remarked moreover that not all of the refugees here right now on visitors permits are Jews -- many of them are christians.)

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There is nothing in the immigration laws, ^{we are told,} to forbid the extension of permits. Apparently ^{they} ~~that~~ can be renewed indefinitely.

The President said he would put the matter up to Congress

and that if Congress did not take any action in opposition

the permits would be extended indefinitely,

*all this
outside of the quota,*

EINSTEIN

Today, we have some pertinent reflections on the plight of the Jewish people, reflections ^{by} ~~from~~ the world's most famous Jew - Professor Einstein. In the current issue of COLLIER'S,

he has an article entitled - "Why Do They Hate the Jews?"

And he ^{makes these calm quiet observations:-} ~~explains it this way~~ "The members of any group existing in a nation," writes Albert Einstein, "are more closely bound to one another than they are to the remaining population. Hence a nation will never be free of friction while such groups continue to be distinguishable."

To that, the creator of the theory of relativity, adds this comment: "In my belief, uniformity in a population would not be desirable, even if it were obtainable. The formation of groups has an invigorating effect in all spheres of human striving. The Jews, too, form such a group," says he, "and anti-Semitism is nothing but the antagonism produced in the non-Jews by the Jewish group."

And this brings him to his ^{central} ~~simple~~ thought that the

~~friction between groups becomes desperate evil when it is aggravated~~

friction between groups becomes a desperate evil ^{only} when it is aggravated and manipulated by political charlatans for their own purpose. They ^{se} work up group antagonisms, ~~mer~~ praising and flattering the majority, cursing and blaming a minority. And they work up savage hatreds merely to put themselves and keep themselves in power.

And Albert Einstein concludes his article with this striking aphorism: "^eByeware," says he, "of flatterers, especially when they come preaching hatred."

AMBASSADOR

In the American German news today, a German word occurs - eigenartig. It's a difficult word to translate. Most of the dispatches from Berlin interpret it with the English word - queer. So they say the Hitler Ambassador is being called back to Germany to explain President Roosevelt's "queer attitude." But "eigenartig" can also mean strange, curious, odd, quaint, eccentric. So in a way one might say that the Nazis are speaking of - President Roosevelt's queer, strange, curious, odd, quaint, eccentric attitude.

Of course, it is not so surprising that Hitler should withdraw Ambassador Dieckhoff from Washington. That's a perfectly obvious retort to our own withdrawal of Ambassador Hugh Wilson from Berlin. The Berlin dispatch emphasizes the fact that Dieckhoff will be called upon to elucidate the Roosevelt attitude. The Nazis are said to be much puzzled by it, perplexed by the cabled reports that their Ambassador has been sending to the Berlin Foreign Office ^{reports} ~~reports~~ describing the Roosevelt ^{queer,} ~~and the~~ *strange, curious, odd, quaint, eccentric* ~~American~~ attitude. It's ~~also~~ characteristic of the Nazis'

inability to understand the reaction of other people. And one

can hardly refrain from harking back to World War days when it was said so much ^{that} Germans were altogether incapable of understanding the other fellow's viewpoint and state of mind.

It is emphasized in Berlin, just as it has been emphasized in Washington, that there is no break of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany. The recall of the Ambassadors is just a matter of gesture. Ambassador Wilson comes home from Berlin as a gesture of American disapproval of the Jewish persecution in Germany. Ambassador Dieckhoff comes home from Washington as a gesture of German disapproval of the American disapproval.

International gesticulation!

— *queer, strange,
curious, odd, quaint,
eccentric!*

JAPAN

The Japanese diplomatic reply to the United States lays stress on the contrast of the old and the new. Tokyo rejects the American demand that equal commercial opportunities for all nations be maintained in China, the open door. The Mikado's ministers say -- That's old. They argue that they are engaged in the establishment of a new order in Eastern Asia. And that new ideas must apply.

Well, with all the dialectics about the old and the new, the simple fact remains that Japan turns down our demand, officially closes the open door.

TREATIES

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The trade treaties with Great ^{Brit'}ain and Canada are received with ^{ras} ~~reass~~berries here and there. New England is disgruntled, with two of its governors speaking out in protest, and the President of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers describes the new trade agreements in these terms - "trading away employment in textiles."

^{an} ~~at~~ the opposite side of the country, the reception of the treaties was mixed. Farm leaders of the northwest are gathered at Portland, Oregon, the National Grange Convention - and they say the buying and selling with Great Britain is okay with them, but they're against the Canadian Treaty. They say it will hurt the American farmer. And they're supported by the northwestern lumbermen, who claim the Canadian Treaty will hurt the lumber industry.

CHERRY

Washington and the cherry tree made a feeble episode compared with the embattled epic of the Washington club women and the cherry trees. "Woodman spare that tree; touch not a single bough," chanted the club women, and they rushed to the defense of Washington's famous cherry blossom grove. Today a battalion of ladies stormed to the site, and there was quite a bit of rumpus.

It's all because of the project to build a half million dollar memorial to Thomas Jefferson. This calls for the removal of some of the renowned Japanese cherry trees. Some say as many as a hundred and eighty of them will have to be dug up. President Roosevelt declares the number will be about eighty-eight. But the club women proclaim -- not one!

Today, workmen were on the job of tree removing, when on the scene stormed a party of cherry tree defending ladies. They drove the workmen away from the tree they were digging up, sent those workmen scurrying, and defied the police.

After all this, the club women announced their determination to resist the cherry tree removal by chaining themselves to the trees, the way the English suffragettes of old used to chain themselves to

lamp-posts and railings. This pronunciamento was placed before President Roosevelt at the press conference today. The President responded with the decree that if the ladies chained themselves to the trees, they'd be removed, cherry trees, chains, ladies and all. I'd like to be there to see that.

GARNER

There seems to be some doubt about family relationship in the case of an ~~XXXXX~~ kinswoman of Vice-President Garner, who is doing a crooner act at the Silver Dollar Bar at Boston. She's billed as Nancy Garner, and is advertised in these alluring words: "The beautiful dark-eyed niece of the Vice-President of the United States." And that certainly does add dignity to the crooning *at the bar.*

The doubt in the relationship is ^{raised} ~~caused~~ by her father, a second-hand furniture dealer and inventor at Corsicana, Texas. He says his daughter's name isn't Nancy Garner at all but Margaret Miller. ^{Dad's} ~~Her father's~~ name is Miller, so that should ~~seem to~~ settled that.

Nancy explains that her mother was a sister of the Vice-President. But her father, the second-hand furniture dealer and inventor, replied ^{S,} "nothing of the sort!" There seems to be some sort of distant cousinship, and that's all."

The dispute doesn't ^{apparently} ~~seem to XXX~~ ^{hurt} ~~nut~~ the cafe crooning.

The manager of the bar says that the billing of the Vice-President's ^{has} niece attracted a better class of customers. "Why," he is quoted as saying, "we even had people here in evening dress."

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Well evening clothes are swanky and swagger, and quite an array of them are being seen at the Center Theatre here in Radio City -- evening suits on men, evening gowns on men. That's right, for it's the renowned "Mask and Wig" Club of the University of Pennsylvania. Here for a day -- that collegiate theatrical troupe in which both handsome men and beautiful women are played by the boys, some of whom are also named Nancy -- for the evening.

KING

The President of the United States is a great personage, as we all know. But there are certain occasions in the affairs of government when first place is taken by a personage more important than he. For example - the royal visit to the United States, the stay of Their Majesties, the King and Queen of England, at the White House. That's something which predominantly concerns the ~~lady~~ hostess, and it's the wife of the President of the United States who ^{tonight} speaks with the voice of authority.

~~Today~~ ^S The First Lady reveals ~~us~~ that during the royal three day visit, Their Majesties will probably occupy the entire east wing of the second floor of the White House. The monarchs will take up their quarters in two suites, each consisting of a large bedroom, a small bedroom, and a bath. King George the Sixth will have the pink room on the northeast corner. Queen Elizabeth will occupy the bedroom which used to be a presidential office. In it Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Their Majesties will have a sitting room in which cabinet meetings were formerly held - from the administration of President Johnson

to the time of Theodore Roosevelt. In this sitting room the treaty was signed that ended the war with Spain.

Other suites in that east wing of the second floor will be given to certain members of the royal entourage. But the entire suit^s attending Their Majesties cannot be accommodated in the White House. There ^{will be} ~~are~~ forty of them, and there's not enough room.

TOYS

The First Lady of the Land has been forced to back down a bit on the subject of militaristic toys. Mrs. Roosevelt, as we have heard on previous occasions, did not approve of soldiers and guns as playthings for little boys. This year, however, in her Christmas shopping -- she'll include a few army items. No toy pistols -- merely a few miniature soldiers. These for her little grandson, Curtis Roosevelt Dahl.

It would seem as if the First Lady of the Land had changed her mind on the military toys subject because of recent international events and the need of American defense. She explains, a little boy should be taught that his toy soldiers are of a strictly defensive character and not to be used for playground wars of aggression. Only to be used to repel the toy soldiers of naughty boys. Little Curtis Roosevelt Dahl simply demanded toy soldiers. It was explained to him that war was wicked and that aggressive militarism was a world peril. But he stubbornly replied:

"I don't like people to kill each other; I don't like war at all," said he. "But I love parades."

So Grandma, the First Lady, had to give in, saying:- Remember Curtis, when you get those toy soldiers, no aggression. Naughty. Naughty. and SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.