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L.I. - P. + G. Friday, January 2, 1948.

~~At Six O'clock this evening, less than an~~
~~hour~~ ^(2 o'clock) ago, it was announced that the Dominion of India has put in a protest to the United Nations, complaining about Pakistan.) The protest is on the ground that Pakistan is committing aggressions. A meeting of the Security Council has been called for next Tuesday - whereupon the U.N. will start considering ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a new bedeviling problem, ^{and} It's one of the most perplexing of problems - the age-old complex puzzle of India.

How dangerous the question is may be seen in a dispatch from India, which quotes Hindu leader Jawaharlal Nehru as intimating that the army of Hindustan might attack Pakistan. Talking to a news conference, Nehru gave the warning that, unless Pakistan stops inciting raids into territory under Hindu government the army of the Dominion of India will take action.

(It all concerns Kashmir with its paradoxical situation - a Hindu Maharajah and a Mohammedan majority)

of people, the Maharajah's government joining Hindu India against the desire of the majority; result -

rebellion. We've been hearing of a minor civil war

in that country of the Himalayas - the beautiful

- Dal Lake, the Gardens of Shalimar -
Vale of Kashmir, The charge that Jawaharlal Nehru

makes is that Moslems in the civil war, are being

reinforced by raiding parties from Pakistan. He

accuses Pakistan of supporting what Nehru calls -

"an invasion". Nehru's military threat takes the

form of a warning that the Army of the Dominion of

India may send its troops to attack ~~rebel~~^{to} bases within

the borders of Pakistan. Which likely enough, would

mean a formal state of war between the two sections,

Hindu and Moslem, ~~between~~^{into} which independent India *recently*

was
~~is~~ divided.

Such a war has been an ominous possibility ever since Great Britain granted the freedom of India;

- and now, with Kashmir as the focus of danger,

the problem is placed in the hands of the United Nations.

MARINES

U.S. Marines are being sent to the Mediterranean. This was announced in Washington today - regiments of Leathernecks to reinforce American warships in the Mediterranean area. ^{- four detachments of Marines.} We are not told how many will go - merely that some will proceed to Naples to board the aircraft carrier Midway there. Others to join three light cruisers, The Portsmouth at Genoa, The Providence at Leghorn, The Little Rock at Pireaus.

Mediterranean matters being much in the focus of the dispute between the liberal West and the totalitarian East, there's an immediate inclination to think of Soviet Russia, as the news comes - Marines to the Mediterranean. However, the Navy ~~xxx~~ Department in Washington states that the purpose is to bring manpower ~~ix~~ up to normal aboard the warships, they having at present an insufficient number of men aboard. Also - the idea is to give a lot of Marines some training aboard ship. Chief of Naval Operations,

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Admiral Denfeld, states that the policy of the Navy is to keep the warships at full strength - to meet any emergency.

Our Mediterranean fleet now numbers fifteen fighting ships - stationed at ports of Italy and Greece.

A later story from Washington states that in high government quarters the reinforcement of Marines is regarded as a demonstration of American support for the governments of Greece and Italy - threatened by Communism.

GREECE

(In Greece, the victory of the government seems to be decisive - at Konitsa. After ~~the~~ relieving the garrison of the town besieged by the Red^s, detachments ~~six thousand~~ of troops drove the Communist guerrillas off into the hills; ^{they now} and hope to smash the remnants of the guerrilla army ^{led by} the Communist chieftain General Markos. Civil War in the toughest of country, those wild mountains of northern Greece, which today were drenched by the chill ~~in~~ rains of winter.

FRANCE

(France is facing a political crisis - as Premier Schuman pushes his anti-inflation policy to a showdown. The moderate cabinet, following the defeat of the communists in their outbreak of strikes, has drafted a severe program to check inflation - save the franc. The plan involves heavy taxation, bearing down on the rich - and this is meeting with angry ~~is~~ hostility from the conservatives of the right.) The Communists are against Premier Schuman on this point too - as they would be on any point. So, the moderate government faces the danger of a combination of the right and the left. But, the Premier is going straight ahead, calling for a showdown. Today he demanded immediate action on his anti-inflation bill - staking his ~~political~~ political life on the issue.

TAXES FOLLOW FRANCE

In our American economic situation - there's to be another Republican attempt to reduce taxes. This was stated today by Speaker of the House Joe Martin of Massachusetts who served notice on President Truman.

The new session of Congress convenes on January Sixt^h and Joe Martin says that a tax reduction bill will be right up at the top of the list. This will be the thir^d time the G O P legislators have tried. Twice before they failed to put a tax bill through. But try, try again.....

SPECULATORS

From Washington we hear that the F.B. I. has procured the brokerage ~~xx~~ records of Brigadier General Graham, personal physician to President Truman - which follows a contradiction between the General and his brokerage firm. When it was disclosed that the President's physician had been speculating in commodities, he explained that he had been put in the grain market by his brokers - without his own knowledge. He said he had told them to invest funds of his as they saw fit - and he didn't know he was in food speculation. This has been contradicted by the brokerage firm, Bache and Co. of New York - they declaring that they kept General Graham informed of the investments they made for him. So now the F.B.I. has taken over the records.

This news is accompanied by another list of ~~xxxx~~ government employees who were speculating in food; several in the State Department and seventeen officials of the Department of Commerce. ~~Which~~ Which is the more serious because market operations of that kind violate

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a department regulation as was stated today by acting Secretary William Foster.

The officials named ^(are) ~~xxx~~ mostly economists and statisticians, functionaries who get up those complicated figures. One, however, is a star gazer. Which sounds as if he might have been reading ~~the~~ price trends in the stars, a speculating astrologer. But he is an employee of the coast and Geodetic Survey, whose job it is to make Azimuth readings on clear nights - and observe the north star. He studies that heavenly point of light Polaris, which has guided mariners on the trackless sea^s since the dim ages of the past. ^π One should have lofty dreams and inspirations while studying the North Star - but that didn't keep the Star Gazer in the Department of Commerce from taking a flyer in commodities. Well, ^{Pericles,} maybe even ^{the great Navigator Pytheas} Plato, ~~or~~ ^{Pythagoras,} ~~or~~ were known to gamble a few Drachmas in the grain ~~xxx~~ market of classic Greece long ago!

CONVICT

Our story last night of the killer - ^{the} ~~desperate~~ ^{do on that} ~~on a railroad~~ train out in Colorado, ended in an arrest, without resistance. When the Denver and Rio Grande train arrived at Hot Sulphur Springs, police took into custody a fugitive -- who, they say, has confessed to the murder of ^{the} ~~a~~ motorist, which was in the news last night. But this killer turns out not to be the escaped convict whom the police thought he was. ^{Today} ~~The~~ convict, James Sherbondy, was also arrested - but elsewhere. He, ~~was~~ too, was taken without a fight, picked up on a ranch near Canon City, Colorado. His legs were frozen.

So the story ends ^{not} ~~with~~ one arrest, but with two.....

WEATHER

The weather story tonight is one of huge magnitude, officially described as one of the worst storms of this century.

It extends across the Mississippi Valley to the East Coast -- with sixteen states in the grip of the Storm King:-- Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and, all of New England. Railroad transport disrupted - bus and airplane schedules knocked out, sections isolated, business offices and factories compelled to shut down, electricity cut off, deliveries of food and fuel at a standstill. Homes without light or heat. Bad in New York, and still worse in Chicago; some sixty million people affected by the blast of the elements, which began with the record breaking snowfall in the east the day after Christmas.

BIBLE

At Covington, Indiana, they are celebrating the arrival of Nineteen Forty-Eight by a bible reading marathon. Citizens young and old, reading the good Book in the Court House Community room, reading continuously before an ever-present and ever-changing audience. People coming from ~~all parts of~~ the community, and from surrounding areas to hear the non-stop reading of the ~~Holy~~ Bible.

The readers ~~changed~~^{ing} every half hour without a break, two bibles used and a relief reader standing by. Shortly after the marathon started, electric power failed as a high school girl was reading the Book of ~~Genesis~~ Genesis.

~~Someone produced a cigarette lighter and the girl read on until a candle was brought to illuminate the text.~~
But someone produced a candle and she read right on.

The word ~~Tonight~~^{is that} the Covington Bible readers have reached the sixty-second Psalm which the Reverend Kenneth Powell, ~~who is~~^{of} sponsor~~ing~~ the reading-marathon ~~says he~~^{said was} more than half way through the Bible.

The marathon is expected to end by three o'clock

on Sunday morning, [—] five hours ahead of ~~the original~~
schedule; -- ^{this} ~~is~~ because the readers are warming up
to their job, ~~and~~ having ^{and less} less difficulty ~~with~~.

~~pronouncings~~ pronouncing ~~the~~ biblical ~~in~~ names. *And,*

When they get to the New Testament, ~~says the Reverend~~
they are expected to move along still faster,
~~Powell, they'll go much faster because the names are~~
because the new testament is easier
~~easier to pronounce.~~
to read.

VIKINGS

The news brings a new turn in the legend of the Vikings in America. From the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, we have a report of a new study, which seems to indicate that a colony of the Norsemen of old was established at the mouth of the Merrimac River in Massachusetts. This is the conclusion reached by Dr. John R. Swanton, after an exhaustive study of the Icelandic sagas.

~~The story of the Vikings on the North American continent derives from the sagas, which tell of the Norsemen in Iceland and in Greenland. They ^{are} still in Iceland, though the Greenland colony vanished many centuries ago. The sagas go on to tell how Leif Ericson sailed from Greenland, and reached a ^{fl} father shore, which he called - ~~Vinland~~ "Vineland" because of the abundance of grapes.~~

~~The sagas are often vague and fantastic, and there has been much debate about the location of Vineland. So now a new study, a re-examination of the evidence. Dr. Swanton, ^{of} ~~associated with~~ the Smithsonian~~

~~Institution.~~ ^m made a tour of the coasts, from Labrador south, where the Vikings might have landed, and made a survey of all the possible sites. ⁺ Matching these with the descriptions of the sagas, he concludes that the only place that fits the bill is the northern coast of Massachusetts, the mouth of the Merrimac River.

com. Donald MacMillan, famous Arctic explorer gave me this same information long ago.
All of which has to do with that old question

-- who ^{discovered} ~~discovered~~ America? The Viking voyages go back to the year One Thousand, [—] five hundred years before Columbus. So did the Vikings discover America? No, not according to Stefansson. That famed Arctic explorer and scholar has another answer altogether. He says that America was discovered by Pytheas.

~~Now this~~ Pytheas was a Greek geographer and navigator, who made a ~~huge~~ monumental voyage ~~more~~ more than a dozen centuries before the Vikings. He sailed to the North, and came to what he called the Ultima Thule (Thule has two syllables)

This was beyond the north of the island of Britain, and Vilhjalmur Stefansson, studying the

evidence, believes that Pythens reached Iceland. Now,

Viljalmy Stefansson
according to ~~that~~ that was the equivalent of

discovering America - because you can journey from

Iceland, via Greenland, to the coast of the North

American continent, without ever losing sight of

land. ~~So you can say~~ ^{So,} if ~~you~~ you want to start an

argument, ~~that~~ ^{you can say that way back before the Birth of Christ} America was discovered by ~~Pythens~~

Pytheas.

SANTA CLAUS

In Paris, a wife has been granted a divorce -- because her husband believes in Santa Claus. Just as many of us believe in Santa. But this Frenchman believes in Santa Claus, says his wife, "just as other people believe in the Divinity."

All of which would seem to be an amiable sort of religion; but, in Paris Madame doesn't think it's as pleasant and whimsical as it sounds - and she gives a reason. Her husband's devout belief in Santa Claus was always made vividly evident at Christmas - which seems appropriate. But it worked this way -- he himself never gave Madame a Christmas present, never! Because he always waited for Santa Claus to bring her something. Which for some reason the Good Saint never did. And that oddly enough, my children, because of that, the husband, never lost his faith in Santa Claus.

All of which makes some sense, doesn't it, considering how expensive Christmas can be for Father. But says this Frenchman, and Frenchmen are

superb logicians - if you really believe in Santa Claus,
just think what a financial load you are spared.

And now here is Nelson who believes in Santa
Claus, and cover girls.