

AIR SERVICE

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Today the Civil Aeronautics Department in Washington issued a permit for something that will happen tomorrow - a highly appropriate day. The permit authorized (Pan-American Airways to begin its trans-Atlantic sky line service. This new across-the-ocean airway has been extensively pioneered and prepared, and tomorrow the first plane will take off on a regular schedule connecting the United States and Europe.

Tomorrow is an anniversary. It was just twelve years ago, on the Twentieth of May, Nineteen Twenty-Seven, that ^{"Slim"} Lindbergh made his famous flight. The Lone Eagle went winging to Paris on the sky jump that caught the imagination of the world) with such enthusiasm. So tomorrow, the Twelfth Anniversary, is appropriate indeed for ~~the~~ beginning trans-Atlantic air service.

LINDBERGH

In the British Parliament today a scathing attack was made on Colonel Lindbergh - an attack harking back to the days of Munich last fall, when the Lone Eagle is said to have praised the power of the Nazi German air fleet, and belittled Stalin's military aviation in Soviet Russia. The one who did the attacking today was Lloyd George, British war time Prime Minister. Lloyd George indicated that Lindbergh, in his reports on German and Russian air strength, was used as a tool by Hitler. "We will never forget Colonel Lindbergh," said he, "a most amiable and attractive man who was the agent and tool of a much more subtle and sinister man. He went from one member of Parliament to another, saying he had been to Russia. But, "Lloyd George continued, "he was there only about a fortnight and could not have seen any great leaders of Russia or much of their army or air force."

Then Lloyd George added this jibe: "He came back saying the Russian Army was no good and that Russian factories were an awful mess, and many people believed it - except Hitler." Then the Welch statesman came to the point of his remarks by declaring that the Soviet air force is the greatest in the world.

EUROPE

The House of Commons today gave a vote of confidence to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. The vote was two hundred and twenty to ninety-six. This followed the Chamberlain declaration that Great Britain was still ready to make concessions to Nazi Germany if such would serve the cause of permanent peace. The Prime Minister indicated that the way was left open for adjustments to pacify totalitarian desires - if Germany would really go about things in a peaceable way, and give up policies of force and aggression. He said that Britain wanted to be convinced that Hitler really meant peace.

The Chamberlain statement began with the argument that concessions might merely lead to more demands - and just encourage aggression. Britain rejects any such policy, said he, and then spoke these words:- "That does not mean that we refuse to discuss methods by which the reasonable aspirations of other nations could be satisfied - even though it means some adjustment of the existing state of things."

~~It~~ Sounds like a drift to some more appeasement; and
what's the reaction in Germany? A high government source makes this

SPAIN

It rained on Franco's victory parade today - a downpour

The
in Madrid. ^ Generalissimo got soaking wet, but he stood for hours

in the driving torrent, as two hundred thousand troops marched by.

They were also soaking wet - led by ^{soaked to the skin} ^ Italian legionaries and German

Nazi technicians. Two million people cheered in the rain;- drenched

but enthusiastic. Those same people of Madrid who so long and so

bitterly fought the forces of Franco!

PALESTINE

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The British authorities at Jerusalem issued a warning today - a warning to the Jewish leaders. After yesterday's carnival of Jewish rioting and violence, Britain's commanders at Jerusalem announced - "Force will be met with force." ~~That~~ is what they told the leading men among the Zionists.

The situation today was quieter in the Holy Land. The general strike is over - just a one-day affair. Life is more like normal in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. However, there's still a threat ~~of~~ ^{with} Jewish extremist ~~elements~~ clamoring for unrelenting resistance to the British plan to create an independent Palestine with a permanent Arab majority of two to one. Continued defiance ~~of the~~ ^{zealots} ~~extremists~~ of Zion creates the ever-present possibility of more violence.

Another source of trouble was seen in attempts to smuggle Jews into Palestine. The British have decreed that Jewish immigration shall be severely curtailed for five years and then ~~should~~ stop altogether.

Today a ship landed a cargo of illegal immigrants on the coast of Palestine - refugees from anti-Jewish suppression in

Europe. These refugees were rounded up and put in a concentration camp. The British policy is that all Jews who thus get into Palestine illegally will be deducted from the number to be admitted under the quota law - and this promises new bitterness among the zealots of Zion.

ANTI*SEMITIC

The Dies Committee today decided to subpoena Major General Moseley formerly of the United States Army; George Deatherage, commander of the Knights of the White Camellias; and John ~~D. H.~~ Hamilton of the Republican National Committee. These three witnesses ^{will be} ~~were~~ called upon to testify concerning the anti-semitic movement, the discovery of which the Dies Committee announced today.

General Moseley was one of the highest ranking officers in the Army. Last fall he retired as Commander of the Fourth Corp Area in the South -- ~~and~~ retired in a blaze of fireworks, ~~denouncing~~ denouncing the administration, the New Deal and the policies of the President. At that time Secretary of War Woodring excoriated General Moseley's statements as flagrantly disloyal. He said the General was disgruntled because he had not been ~~dis~~appointed Chief of Staff. The fact that he could have expected the appointment ^{as} ~~of the~~ Chief of Staff indicates what a high ranking officer ^{er} ~~is~~ General Moseley was.

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Now he appears as a ^{number one} ~~simple~~ figure in the weird tale

that has developed in recent secret hearings of the Dies Committee.

~~He was~~ ^{that} ~~one~~ of the group ~~that~~ has been campaigning against what they call a plot to overthrow the United States Government, ^{and} Chairman Dies of the investigating Committee declares that the anti-plot campaign had a decidedly anti-semitic slant -- anti Jewish propaganda.

Another of the group was Dudley Pierpont Gilbert, ^{who put up money.} wealthy and socially prominent, He has already testified

before the committee in secret hearings, and is quoted as having ~~stated~~ ^a that he learned about ~~the~~ plot to overthrow

the government from a waiter in a fashionable club. The

group thereupon circulated the plot story among ~~various~~ various

prominent people, army officers and ^{American Legion officials.} ~~political figures.~~ In

~~telling about the conspiracy they made predictions~~ ^a ~~about~~

~~certain things to come -- predictions that turned out to be correct. They told about the French military mission buying airplanes in the ~~United~~ United States with Government assistance -- told about it weeks before it became public knowledge; they~~

~~gave advance information about the trip to Europe of James
Roosevelt, the ~~President's~~ President's son. They stated that
the United States fleet would be shifted from the Atlantic to
the Pacific, as it was. They tied these correct prophecies
to the story of the plot. They are said to have declared
the plot was conspired by a racial group in the ~~United~~ United
States. ~~In~~ The inference being Jewish racial group. ~~Today~~
~~witnesses questioned about these matters denounced the Dies~~
~~Committee charging exaggeration and improper methods.~~~~

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Of those subpoenaed by the committee today, George
Deatherage ~~is an interesting figure. The ~~organization~~ organization
he directs has long been denounced by liberals and left wingers.
It has been charged that Knights of the White Camellias ~~is~~ is,
~~a fascist outfit. Well, it all brings~~ *and suggests* reminiscences of the
reconstruction days after the Civil War. The Knights of the
White Camellias were an organization much like the Ku Klux
Klan, using ~~terror~~ terrorism to restore white supremacy ^{to} of the
South. The White Camellias was never as well publicized as the~~

old time Ku Klux, but it had a ^{huge} membership and ^{was} ~~would~~
~~have been~~ extremely powerful with its secret doings and
its night riding. It is claimed that the organization has
~~remained~~ continued for seven ^{ty} years, right on down to the present
day. Its commander states outright that the ~~Ni~~ Knights of the
White Camellias believe that interna^{tional Jewery} ~~jury~~ and international
Bolsheviam are about the same. And the supposed plot against
the government was ^{Bolshevist and} Jewish. ~~and~~ Chairman John ~~S.~~ Hamilton
of the Republican National Committee is in the picture because
one of the members of the anti-semitic group wrote to him
and got from the Republican National Committee a list of its
members. The idea was to circulate them with literature of the
group. Chairman Hamilton said today he would be glad to
testify before the Dies Committee. He ~~exp~~ explained that
the Republican National Committee gets thousands of letters
and requests and if anybody ^S ~~asked~~ for a list of the committee
members, it ^{is} ~~would be~~ sent to them as a matter of course. ~~then~~
He declares that he knows nothing about the anti-semitic group
and the story of the plot to overthrow the government.

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NAVY

The House of Representatives put its okay today, on the Naval Appropriations Bill, which the Senate passed yesterday. So now that greatest peace-time enactment providing seven hundred and seventy-three million dollars to build a bigger navy, goes to the President for his signature. The bill includes the amendment forbidding the Navy to buy Argentine canned beef - an amendment of which the White House does not approve.)

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While this transaction was going on, the Senate was having a new sensation on the subject of South American canned beef. Yesterday Senator Uncle George Norris of Nebraska told the lawmakers that the Senate restaurant itself was serving Brazilian corned beef in cans - the senators themselves have been eating it. He produced a can of corned beef from the Senate restaurant, and showed that it was clearly marked - "Packed in Brazil." That was under discussion today, with the legislators admitting that when they've eaten the South American product, it tasted good. They'd like to compare it with some American canned beef, but they can't do it. A Senate sub-committee had⁵ been₁ trying to get ~~xxx~~ an American brand to compare it with the

Argentine beef bought by the Navy. They hunted all over Washington but couldn't find a single American sample of canned beef.

Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture releases figures that we're importing beef cattle in quantities to almost set a record. Since the first of the year, more than four hundred thousand head of live cattle have come into the country. Most of this from Canada and Mexico. Mexico ~~xxxx~~ set an all-time record for cattle sales to the United States.

STABILIZATION

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Today President Roosevelt denied that there was any intention of using the stabilization fund for "business improvement." That fund is a huge two billion dollar hoard, which the Treasury employs in transactions on the money market - to keep international speculators from fooling around with the value of the dollar. It has been rumored that half of the stabilization cash, one billion dollars, might be used in a government program to expand credit and make loans to the railroads for new equipment. The President today declared he knew of no such program.

TIGER

A fearsome story flashes tonight from the old seaport of Genoa -- a tiger breaking loose aboard a passenger ship, a huge striped Bengal cat, attacking and killing, and creating a reign of terror. The ship put into harbor, and the captain told the story.

Bound from the East Indies for Europe, with a passenger list of seventy-nine, and a big tiger in a cage destined for an European zoo. Somehow the tiger broke out, and suddenly appeared snarling and raging down the deck. There was a wild panic, ~~when~~ The tiger leaped upon a sailor, and killed him. The ship's cook was next. He was badly clawed as the monster ^{cat} ~~captain~~ from Bengal attacked him. Then shots rang out. The Dutch skipper himself opened fire and killed the tiger.

KING

Today's royal celebration at the capital of Canada had a lot to do with the United States. In the Canadian Parliament, King George took official action as sovereign. It's the law that every bill passed by the Dominion Parliament must have the assent of the King. Normally this royal assent is given by the Governor-General as His Majesty's representative. But today, for the first time in history, Canadian laws were ratified by the sovereign in person. Half a dozen enactments were presented to him, ^{sax} as he ~~sate~~ *sate* on the throne, with the clerk reading their titles. And the first of these was a Canadian trade treaty with the United States. When the title of this was read, the King nodded, and the clerk of the Senate announced in old medieval French - "The King wishes it." The use of archaic French is a reminder of the Norman-French origin of the present British monarch. The legislative bills, one after another, received the royal assent in this traditional fashion, and thereupon the monarch signed each one with the signature - "George R", George Rex.

The United States slant continued with the presentation of the new American minister to Canada - for the first time an

American minister to the Dominion presented his credentials to the sovereign in person. Daniel C. Roper, Uncle Dan, who until several months ago was President Roosevelt's Secretary of Commerce. He resigned his cabinet job to give his time to private affairs.. These private affairs, however, did not keep Uncle Dan from accepting the post as minister to Canada, which had been vacant for a while. But he doesn't intend to retain his new dignity for long - just for the duration of the royal visit. He was appointed so that the United States might have a minister in Canada while the King is there.

So it's all mostly ceremony, and lofty ceremony it was today for Uncle Dan Roper. He read an address to the throne in which he said to the King: "The President asks that I convey to Your Majesty the assurance of his friendship, and genuine good wishes for the continued happiness and well being of the Canadian people." And he went on with a reference to the visit of the King and Queen to the United States.

George the Sixth responded with an equally gracious statement:- "I highly appreciate your reference to our forthcoming

visit to your country." Said ~~he~~ he:- "The close friendship between my Canadian people and their ^{neighbors} ~~neighbors~~ to which your President refers, makes us look forward to the visit with particular pleasure."

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Their Britannic Majesties are having active and arduous days, which is only to be expected. The job of being sovereigns is no lazy one. On a grand ceremonial tour, ceremony is hard work. Yet it's being observed that the King and Queen, after three days of strenuous ritual, are looking fine and fit - the Queen especially.

She's gracious and smiling, and shows little strain or weariness.

Women in Canada are asking:- "How does Her Majesty keep looking

so well?" This was answered today by the royal hairdresser, who

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explained that the queenly looks are so excellent because they're

entirely natural - without artificial make-up. Her Majesty,

Elizabeth, never uses rouge or lipstick, has never had her eyebrows

plucked or her hair cut. There's nothing of the drug store or beauty

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about her - she
parlor, just natural - and queenly.