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SUTHERLAND

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(There's a ^{world} ~~sea~~ of meaning in the four words that come from Washington today: "Associate Justice Sutherland Retires." He follows the example of Mr. Van Devanter in taking advantage of the Sumners Act which Congress passed last March. ^{Retirement on full pay.} ~~Incidentally, Justice Van Devanter, according to the terms of that Act, is this month serving as an emergency judge in the Federal District Court of for Southern New York.~~

^{This will} ~~of course that~~ means that the New Deal majority ~~will~~ ^{will} on the Supreme Bench of the United States become ~~even~~ more decided.)

^{Mr. Justice} ~~and overwhelming~~ ^{Mr.} Sutherland was known as one of the rock-ribbed Conservatives. But, curiously enough,

it was he who wrote the decision which was handed down last Monday, ^{the Utilities} ~~a~~ ^{is} a decision which ~~was~~ ^{is} of signal help to the New Deal

program. His retirement leaves only two out-and-out Conservatives on the Bench, Justices ~~Chief~~ Butler and ~~James~~ McReynolds.

^{Justice} ~~Mr.~~ Sutherland, in his letter to the President, explained that he had passed the age of seventy-five. As a

matter of fact, he is seventy-six and recently has been ill for short periods.

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In the history of the United States there have only been four Justices of foreign birth. George Sutherland ^{is one. He} first saw the light of day in a humble home in the English town of Buckinghamshire. ^{His family} ~~They~~ crossed the ocean and went to Utah when young George was only a year old. They were not Mormons, however, but Gentiles.

Young Sutherland did a variety of things before he started to practice law in Salt Lake City. He worked in mining camps, in a clothing store, and for a while as ~~one of the~~ ^a Wells Fargo agents, ^{He wasn't a Mormon} ~~He~~ frequently appeared in the courts to defend Mormon Elders and Bishops accused of having broken the Polygamy laws. In fact an ingenious plea that he set up persuaded the Supreme Court to reverse the conviction of many a saint who had indulged in the popular practice of having too many wives. ^{He} For eleven years ~~He~~ ^{he} Sutherland was a member of the United States Senate. It was President Harding who ~~was~~ appointed

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him to the Supreme Bench. Since Franklin D. Roosevelt became President Mr. Justice Sutherland has ruled against numerous New Deal laws including the AAA, the NRA, the Gold Clause and ~~several~~ others. But he always denied that he was a stand-patter. "It isn't true that I'm opposed to progress," he said. "I believe in progress with a goal."

~~Of course~~ his retirement set^s Washington speculating on who will succeed him. There's a fair chance that his place may be taken by a woman. Judge Florence Allen of the United States Circuit ~~Court~~ Court of Appeals is mentioned as one highly capable of ~~xx~~ sitting on the highest tribunal in the land. ^{And} That ~~is~~ certainly would create an interesting precedent. However, she's only one of some ~~twenty~~ ^{who} twenty candidates ~~that~~ are ~~being~~ mentioned.

KENNEDY

President Roosevelt is about to send to the Senate the name of Joseph P. Kennedy as Ambassador to London. This has been expected for some time. ^{Some of JOE} ~~Mr.~~ Kennedy's friends have been urging him vociferously not to take the job which is considered as nothing more than a pigeon hole for an administrator as able as ^{he,} ~~Mr. Kennedy.~~ He is at present Chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission. ^{JOE} ~~Mr.~~ Kennedy's reply ~~to his friends~~ has been:- "If the boss wants it, I guess I'll have to go."

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The job of being envoy to the court of St. James's ^{has} ~~palace~~ ^{always been} ~~used to be~~ considered a great distinction. Today it is looked upon as a purely decorative berth to be handed to the benefactors who are known among politicians as "fat cats." In other words, those who contributed plenty of sugar to the party funds.

At the same time, there comes a bulletin from Paris in which Ambassador Bill Bullitt says it's not true that he is going to quit the embassy and come back to the States to take a job in Washington.

BUDGET

(Here's the bad news about the budget, the 1939 budget.) Uncle Sam's income for that year, which begins July 1st, will be five billion, nine-hundred-and-nineteen million odd dollars. That doesn't sound so bad, but here's what he's going to spend, six billion, eight-hundred-and-sixty-nine million odd. In other words, (the deficit will be ^{forty-}nine-hundred-and-nine million, six-hundred-and-six thousand, just a few millions short of a billion. ~~and, by the way, the~~

H *the* deficit for the present year which ends on June 30th, will be one billion, eighty-eight million odd. And maybe that won't be all. For this business recession has not only knocked all plans for balancing that budget into a cocked hat. It may, before it's through, require the appropriation of even more money for relief than the President and his advisers have guessed.

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~~All~~ Of the almost seven billions that the Government will spend, one billion, ten million, eight-hundred-and-thirty-five thousand will be for national defense. ~~By the way,~~ there was a conference at the White House today on that subject. Important members of Congressional committees, as well as high ~~officers~~

officials of the navy were present. The word comes that we may expect ^{soon} a special message to Congress from the President recommending a big boost in Uncle Sam's warships. That means more money in addition to the one billion odd that Mr. Roosevelt asked for today.

There are one or two more interesting figures in today's budget message. We learned, for instance, that we have to spend nine hundred and seventy-six million dollars a year, ~~in~~ not far short of a billion, paying interest on the public debt. And a year and a half from now that debt will amount to more than thirty-eight and a half billions. A figure shark in Washington has calculated that if every man, woman and child in the United States would contribute equally to pay off that debt, it would amount to two-hundred-and-seventy-three dollars a head.

Oh yes, and here's another item that should interest everybody. (For recovery and relief, President Roosevelt asks one billion, one-hundred-and-thirty-eight million, three ~~and~~ ^{hundred-and} four thousand.) That is the irreducible minimum. But, as has been

pointed out, it may be more. It's one-third less than Uncle Sam is spending for the same purpose in the present year.

It's been observed that the President has made some effort to keep his promise of economy, has cut down some pork barrel items. And ~~it's~~ ^{there's} going to be a lot of wrangling about that. Any economy in the pork barrel ^s hit the Congressmen right where they live. ~~it's~~ ^{all of} which they hate having to explain to the folks back home.

SPIES

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The military authorities have observed that in the last few months numerous people have been taking photographs of our military and navy defenses on the Pacific Coast. In fact, photographers have also been active along the Panama Canal and in Manilla. Up to now there was no way to punish them. But today the House of Representatives rushed through a bill which had already passed the Senate, making it a prison offense to take such photographs. One Representative demanded to know "What's the rush?" The Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs explained, *— emergencies.* So now it will cost a year in jail and a thousand dollar fine to take pictures or make maps of our fortifications.

We were probably the only country in the world that didn't have strict laws controlling such antics.

SHIPPING

Another shipping strike on the Pacific Coast, and it threatens to spread all the way down. At present it's confined to Seattle. Even so, it's serious enough ~~to stop~~ to stop all deep sea, coastwise and even Alaskan shipping. And there is grave danger that it may extend to Portland, San Francisco, and Los Angeles as well.

The reason for this strike is significant. It is all about slingloads. Those are the hoists in which cargo is unloaded or loaded. The Waterfront Employers Association want to save money when cargo has to be transferred from a large ship into a small one. They say the simplest thing is to tie up the small vessel alongside the big one and load direct. The Unions insist that all cargo must be placed on the dock and then reloaded into another vessel. By that double operation, the employers have to take on more men. So there you are!

SPAIN

Here's the latest from the Spanish Civil War. A correspondent with the government headquarters outside Teruel compares the scene to Washington at Valley Forge. Snow blankets the ground on all sides and a fierce northwind sweeps down from the hills. The roads are icy and almost impassible. Some of the men have^{ing} nothing better than flimsy canvas shoes to protect their feet from the cold ~~and~~^{have} had to wrap them up in gun sacks. General Franco's army has driven a salient in towards the northwestern defenses ~~and~~ of Teruel but they're more than three miles away. A government communication claims that the entire city is now in government hands and all the Nationalist invaders have been wiped up.

PRINCE

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A storm was raging today on the Black Sea, scene of many a classic historic storm. In the middle of it came a radio message of distress. A small two thousand ton vessel was in danger from mountainous waves such as once imperiled Jason and his Argonauts and other heroes of antiquity.

And there tonight an important personage ~~is~~ in danger, ~~today also~~ though he's not old enough yet to be a hero, classic or otherwise.

Sixteen year old Michael of Roumania ~~is~~ ^{is} a passenger aboard that two thousand ton craft. He was on his way to Athens to attend the wedding of the Crown Prince Paul of Greece to the young granddaughter of former Kaiser Wilhelm. Fortunately for the Roumanian royal dynasty, help came for that little vessel, a larger ship reached her and escorted her back to harbor.

Meanwhile ~~incidentally~~ the young Prince's father, King Carol, received a note of warning from London today. It concerned the anti-Jewish activities of Roumania's new Premier Goga. The British Cabinet warned King Carol that John Bull takes a vivid interest in racial minorities in other countries.

CHINA

The Chinese have a new complaint against the Japanese.

They charge that their consuls in Korea have been forced, at the point of bayonets, to disown the government that had appointed them.

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All the consulates in Korea ~~was~~ ^{have been} raided by Japanese military police, who ~~forced~~ ^{compelled} them to hoist the five-barred flag of the puppet government at Peiping which the Japanese have erected.

TOKYO

It looks as though the Cabinet crisis in Tokyo were coming to a head. Several days ago we heard the report that there was to be a new Prime Minister and a general reorganization of the Mikado's government. All day today, the Japanese political magnificoes have been holding private conferences around which there was a grave and portentous atmosphere. Many of them were held at the country villa of Prince Saionji. He, as we've heard frequently, is the elder statesman on whose sagacity, wisdom and experience the Emperor relies heavily in every step he takes.

MISSING

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There's considerable excitement in Japan today and it isn't over the Chinese war. A couple of celebrated stars of the Japanese stage, a woman and a man, have disappeared. They were skiing on the island of Sakhalin, the island which is shared by Japan and Russia. The couple were practicing their Christies and Tellemarks quite close to the frontier line which separates the Russian part of Sakhalin from the Japanese. Suddenly, they were seen to start downhill and before the zealously watching police could stop them, they had vanished across the border.

Japanese public:-
There are three theories now exercising the ~~public~~ ^{public} ~~of these two popular stars.~~ One is that they may have eloped to get married since they are said to have been sweethearts for years. The second guess is that they have become imbued with Red notions and have embarked on a political exile into Soviet territory.

However, there's also a third idea, which sounds more plausible to our American ears. Maybe the loving couple were not so much in need of a wedding ring as of publicity. Even in the

Orient, I hear, great actors and actresses need an occasional bit of that harmless, necessary commodity. Since the publicity won't do them much good over here I might as well tell you their names, which are Yoshiko Okada and Yoshimasa Yoshida.

DOCTOR

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Amid the snowdrifts in the hills of Nova Scotia, a race is being run with death, a race by dog sled. At Dingwall, in the ~~beary~~ regions of Cape Breton, two thousand people are facing an epidemic. And they're without medical aid. The Catholic priest at Dingwall contrived to get in communication with the Nova Scotia Department of Health and his message was: "A crisis is imminent unless a doctor is sent immediately." The message was relayed to Dr. L. J. Leblanc, a country physician of a place called Cheticamp. That's fifty miles from Dingwall.

A thick, blinding blizzard was howling down the hillsides. Huge drifts blocked the roads. But Dr. Leblanc hitched his dogs to his sled late yesterday afternoon. That was the only way of getting to Dingwall, which has no railroad, and communicates with the outside world usually by steamer service once every two weeks. It may take Dr. Leblanc a week to mush over those fifty miles to reach Dingwall. On his sled he carries serums, surgical instruments and medical supplies.

sheriff that her two sons and the young woman were living in a cave like animals. The daughter-in-law thereupon swore out a complaint charging the religious enthusiast with insanity.

Twenty deputy sheriffs set out on an ~~exhibit~~ expedition covering every corner of San Gabriel Canon. Just a few minutes ago, a

bulletin from Los Angeles ~~found the hermits~~ stated that the hermits were found, practically naked, ~~through~~ some blankets were thrown over them and they were brought to town.

Another phase of life around Los Angeles.

UNDERWEAR

A lady walking along the street in Cleveland

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As she ^{explained} ~~said~~ it herself, "Parts of my underwear fell off." She

was passing a building at the time, and ~~she~~ rushed inside

to adjust the situation - But -
~~it in order to repair the damage~~ unseen. Taking refuge in

an alcove she fell down a coal chute. And that, she felt, was

even worse than the loss of those intimate garments.

Whereupon

She filed suit for five thousand dollars' damages

against the ~~xx~~ owner of the building. But the Judge said NO.

In legal language, "The lady's distress did not create an

59 emergency that would warrant trespass." So she ^{doesn't} ~~didn't~~ get

even enough damages to buy herself a new outfit of underwear.

So - in the future - ladies, be
sure about them before you leave
home - and s-l-u-t-m.

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