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The trade treaties were signed today in Washington, the commercial pacts between the United States and Great Britain, and the United States and Canada. The ceremony ^{of} ~~the~~ signatures ~~was~~ ^{was} staged in the East Room of the White House. Secretary of State Hull signed for the United States. The signatures for Great Britain were appended by British Ambassador Sir Ronald Lindsay and the Secretary of the British Board of Trade, Arnold Overton. For Canada - Prime Minister MacKenzie King.

Secretary Hull said: "These agreements furnish concrete and powerful support for a future trend of world development along lines of increasing understanding and cooperation among nations."

British Ambassador Sir Ronald Lindsay said: "On this sound and healthy basis, trade will be facilitated, the prosperity of our peoples increased, and the arts of peace encouraged."

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Canadian Prime Minister MacKenzie King spoke this sentiment: "It must be increasingly apparent," said he, "that the stability of the civilization we cherish depends more than ever on the friendly association of the great English-speaking nations

of the old world and the new."

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JEWS

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immigration law ^{to}~~and~~ permit the entry of more people of Jewish and other minorities. She recommended ~~that~~ what she ^{called}~~thought~~ a cautious approach. "To be sure," said she, "that we're doing the right thing, and that the American people will cooperate."

Washington says that the withdrawal of the United States Trade Envoy to Berlin has nothing to do with the calling home of Ambassador Hugh Wilson. Just routine, is the explanation. But the interpretation is that the withdrawal of Trade Envoy Douglas Miller simply means the United States has no expectation of doing business with Germany. So there's no reason for him to stay there.

In London, Prime Minister Chamberlain talked to the House of Commons about the refugee problem. And ~~he~~ used the word - urgent. He mentioned projects of settling Jewish colonies in parts of the British Empire, and said that His Majesty's government considered this - urgent. The question has been taken up, he added, with the governors of various British colonial possessions. And he especially mentioned British Guiana, in South America, and Tanganyika in East Africa. The likelihood is that something definite may be done by next week.

In Germany the severity toward Jews increased. Many are about to be driven from their homes, a report says. A late dispatch tells how the Jews will establish stores in which Jewish people can buy. They're in serious danger now, because of the refusal of Nazi stores to sell them food.

Nazi Germany today solemnized the funeral of Ernst vom Rath, the German diplomat who was assassinated by a Jewish boy in Paris. Von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, delivered a bitter diatribe against the Jews, but Hitler said nothing. He was there, and he had been expected to deliver one of his savage Jew-baiting harangues - but, he said nothing.

In a Paris jail, sits Herschel Grynszpan who shot the Nazi diplomat. He is now provided with expert legal aid for his defense. Over here in the United States a Journalists Defense Fund is at work. Dorothy Thompson started it. A group of non-Jewish writers with headquarters at Seven Thirtly- Fifth Avenue, is collecting money -- all the money to come from Gentiles, they want to investigate the Nazi charge of conspiracy. Today while the funeral of his victim was being held, Herschel Grynszpan spoke out. Through a lawyer he told

journalists that he bitterly regrets his crime, the deed that brought so much havoc upon the heads of his own people in Germany. He says he intends to fast, go without food, as atonement -- a day of fasting every Monday.

The prison attendants say he doesn't act like a fanatic, this seventeen year old youth whose act was so momentous. They say he acts like a child, quiet and sad, and often says -- he's sorry.

PEACE PRIZE

Today's award of the Nobel Peace Prize brings mention of a familiar name -- Nansen. The prize goes to the Nansen Bureau of Geneva, dedicated to the aid of refugees. And that bureau's named after the renowned Nansen, the great polar explorer, hero of a thousand thrills amid Arctic ice. Yet Fridtjof Nansen is famous for other things too. Sixteen years ago, during post War days, he personally won the Nobel Peace Prize. That was for his work of food relief in the starving Ukraine.

The League of Nations Bureau named for him dates back to those times and was founded to help refugees. Yes, there were refugees then -- Armenians, Greeks, White Russians. There was terror -- Turk and Bolshevik. The work of the Nansen Bureau does not exclude Jewish refugee aid; but it really hasn't much to do with that because the Bureau is scheduled to go out of existence by the end of the year -- its work considered done. So the Nansen Bureau gets the Nobel Peace Prize for labors of mercy in another time, other conditions.

FRANCE

There was an angry demonstration in Paris today, two thousand marchers protesting against the new government decrees. It's a left wing opposition, aroused by the curtailment of workers' privileges - such as the increase of working hours.

Antagonism is rising so rapidly in France that Premier Daladier has called a cabinet meeting for tomorrow to decide whether or not the decrees will have to be modified - those enactments for government economy and industrial government efficiency with which Daladier hoped to pull France out of its financial troubles.

Jersey City, was was recently visited and hoped, and the files investigation of Un-American activities - was also visited and hoped.

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C.I.O.

The C.I.O. is a bold and embattled organization, but today before the C.I.O. Convention at Pittsburgh there was one subject that was quickly pushed aside. A delegate arose and suggested that the question be considered, but the topic was instantly sidetracked. What was the theme the C.I.O. Convention so hastily put off? Why - third term.

Several individual unions of the John L. Lewis organization have come out in support of the proposal that President Roosevelt run for a third term, but today the C.I.O. Convention preferred to go on record about Mayor Hague of Jersey City, who was roundly hissed and booed. And the Dies investigation of Un-American activities - was also hissed and booed. Well, Mayor Hague has ^{banished} ~~vanquished~~ the C.I.O. from Jersey City and the Dies investigation has been producing a lot of charges about the C.I.O. and Communism. So they were safe subjects to bring up, on the prudent editorial principle that - it's always safe to attack the man-eating shark and smallpox.

Late word: - the C.I.O. convention adopted a resolution praising the Roosevelt Administration - but no mention of third term!

BANKERS

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At Houston, Texas, the American Bankers Association opened today's session in a stately and appropriate way - with prayer. The prayer was uttered by a Houston clergyman, the Reverend Father Jerome Rapp. ^{Then} ~~Thereupon~~ Father Rapp addressed the bankers with a few well chosen words. He told the bankers a thing or two about their favorite commodity. Money, said Father Rapp, is the root of all evil. Money, he informed the bankers, is what fills up jails and prisons. Money, thundered Father Rapp, is what makes thieves, murderers, and all sorts of rogues. Money, ^{we} ~~I~~ might add parenthetically - is also what makes bankers.

Anyway, there was a rousing denunciation of that root of all evil before the American Bankers Convention today. That

^{Tomorrow's opening prayer perhaps}
from Father Rapp, and I wonder what they would have heard from

^{Will be by}
~~A~~ Father Knocks.

HARNETT

New York's Commissioner of Motor Vehicles resigned ~~xxx~~ today. Charles A. Harnett has quit his job. He is under indictment for bribery. District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey makes the accusation that ~~the~~ Commissioner Harnett took a bribe of sixty-seven thousand dollars from a taxicab company. The Commissioner protests ^{ing} his innocence, ~~but~~ today ~~he~~ resigned.

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FORGERY

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In a New York court today, sentence was passed on a tall thin man of forty-five, solemn, austere - an expert accountant, through whose brain figures had gone calculating for years. The judge gave him two and a half years in Sing Sing on a charge of forgery. The evidence showed that he had juggled the books of his firm in an amazing series of fraudulent manipulations. *For* Five years he had been falsifying the figures. Yet, he had never derived a penny from his crime. All he gained was what was today described in these words - "a unique and mystifying satisfaction."

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The satisfaction could only

have been equalled by the pain which the owners experienced when they discovered that their one million, eight hundred thousand dollars of profit was all imaginery - snarled in an illusion of juggled figures. Their anguish must have also been unique and mystifying.

BUTLER

In Cambridge, Massachusetts, a middle- aged man was today held on bail of two thousand dollars -- and the story is truly astonishing. The question is -- is he a butler, or a professor of mathematics,

The police claim that two years ago, John G. Thompson was a butler in the household of a wealthy family at Brookline, Massachusetts. While on his buttlng job, he put in an application with the Harvard Business School Placement Bureau, and applied for a teaching job. And low and behold, he got it. The Butler became an instructor of mathematics at the Cambridge Preparatory School. Quite a mathematical butler -- and even more so.

Apparently, he was so good at formula and education, that the lady whoowned the school entrusted him with a hundred and eighty-three dollars to invest for her and another hundred dollars to hold for safekeeping that turned out to be unsafekeeping, because the butler of mathematics disappeared. He's caught and now he's buttlng around with the mathemtics of two thousand dollars bail.

DEER

A tragic hunting accident is reported at Petoskey, Michigan. We're not told who the unfortunate hunter is. He is so overcome by grief, he doesn't want his name mentioned.

In his car with a tankful of Blue Sunoco, he drove out into the woods. In a wild and lonely place he parked his brand new sedan in a ravine - deep among the trees. The weather was frosty, so he threw a deerskin rug across the radiator. Then with his trusty rifle in his hands, he started out looking for game. He stalked about through the woods for a long time, and never a head of game did he see - until finally. There through the foliage he caught a glimpse - a deer! He took deadly aim, and fired. He banged away again, and then once more, with double deadly aim. ^{Then} He leaped forward to seize his quarry, and - ran smack into the deerskin rug draped over the radiator of his car! The skin was punctured with holes, and so was the car. ^{His} ~~bullets had~~ ^{bullets had} just about wrecked it. ~~blasted the motor~~ ^{long} So It was a nice walk home for the unfortunate hunter. He was so tired when he got there he could scarcely gasp out his tragic story.

OPIUM

The Board of Directors of the Silver Line Steamship Company of London will have a few choice words to say about Chinese boatswain, Tsin Ho Zon. One ship operated by the line is the SILVER YEW, which is manned by a Chinese crew. And the Chinese boatswain was Tsin Ho Zon; he was until yesterday. The SILVER YEW, bound from Singapore to the China coast, put into harbor in New York, and there was ^draised by agents of the Federal Narcotics Squad. They found opium aboard, a lot of it. Five thousand, seven hundred and fifty ounces of the drug, worth a hundred and forty-five thousand dollars. And they proceeded to arrest ~~second~~ boatswain Tsin Ho Zon, charging him with opium smuggling.

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Today came the bad news from the Company. Federal authorities imposed a fine on the Silver Line, which according to the law is assessed at twenty-five dollars per ounce of opium. Inasmuch as five thousand seven hundred and fifty ounces were found aboard ship, the fine comes to a total of nearly a hundred and forty-five thousand dollars - which is probably more than S.S. SILVER YEW is worth.

You can imagine the feelings of the Board of Directors
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EGYPT

I don't know how they say it in Egypt, but the word over here would be - It's a Girl! The land of the Nile is celebrating the birth today of a daughter to Queen Farida. The father is King Farouk. In the vicinity of the Pyramids and the Sphinx, a salute of twenty-one guns ~~saluted~~ ^{announced} the arrival of the baby Cleopatra - which is a lot of guns for a baby Cleopatra, or even ^{for} a baby Mark Anthony.

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bullet. Single women of twenty and over to enjoy the

inestimable privilege of suffrage, if -- Yes, there is an IF.

And it's phrased in these constitutional words: "If they have an

honest mode of making a living." These Mexican peculiarities are

flimsy, they want their politics safe.