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~~There's~~ a tense situation on the beautiful ~~little~~ island of Jamaica. There have been strikes on plantations for several weeks, general unrest. And a political move has been ~~on~~^{on} foot to seize the land possessed by the large plantation owners and distribute it among the peasants.

It's all taken so seriously that the authorities have appealed to the British for a warship to protect lives. The man-o-war won't arrive for a couple of days, and meanwhile there's fear of a ~~bloody~~^{savage} uprising. Officials of the colony ~~have~~^{have} handed out tear gas and riot guns to all the police. An armed launch is patrolling the coast, on the lookout for smugglers who are bringing arms ~~in~~ to the discontented workers and peasants.

FLIGHT

trans-Atlantic
The British ~~air~~ plane MERCURY, the now celebrated pick-a-back
plane, got back home today. *Landed at* ~~It came to ground in~~ Southampton,
~~England,~~ at twelve minutes past three this afternoon, Eastern
Daylight Saving Time. The British claim that Captain Bennett,
the MERCURY'S pilot, thus made the fastest round trip flight on
record between Great Britain and the United States.

ENGLAND

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An unexpected note was sounded in British foreign policy today. It was ~~in~~ not in connection with Europe, but the Far East. The spokesman was Viscount Halifax, the Foreign Secretary. He told the House of Lords: "Great Britain is ready to protect her rights in the Orient." And he said further: "If we do not secure adequate consideration of our own rights, then we will claim the right to protect our own interests."

Lord Halifax told the Lords that the government was convinced that there had been discrimination against British interests at Tsingtao.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Here's a late bulletin from Prague, and it sounds like more trouble. (The Czechoslovakian government yesterday proposed a new law which, they hoped, would satisfy the Sudeten Germans. Today Conrad Henlein, the Hitler mouthpiece, turned it down in angry terms.) ² That peace-offering ~~by the government~~ was declined after ~~just~~ twenty-four hours ~~of~~ consideration. The Sudeten Germans describe it as "a swindle." ~~So there's more grist for the~~ trouble mill.

SPAIN

Dispatches from Spain this morning said that the advance guard of the government's armies was in the suburbs of Gandesa, and late this afternoon came a bulletin that the city had fallen. This strategic point now once again in the hands of the Spanish government.

MEXICO

Here's some late news from Mexico. A telegram from Upton Close, who is down there. Close reports that the situation is more ticklish than ever. The oil fields, of course, the properties seized by the Cardenas Government. It seems that Senator Key Pitman, Chairman of our Senate Committee on Foreign Relations made a statement -- to make feelings more friendly. Instead Senator Pitman ~~he~~ rubbed the Mexican ^{fur} the wrong way.

However, Mexicans in general have a high regard for Secretary of State Hull. But the Mexican Fascists are loudly

hostile. One Fascist paper ~~has been~~ ^{even} clamoring for the deportation of Ambassador Josephus Daniels.

Upton Close reports also that there is a business boom on the way in Mexico. ~~It is~~ Peculiar in ~~one respect in~~ that it doesn't depend upon foreign capital. The Cardenas Government has been making valuable concessions to ~~an~~ induce Mexican people with money to invest it in their own country. One result of this is a building boom in Mexico City, ~~itself~~.

The Mexican Government has also done something to assuage the feelings of the religious. State funds have been used to repair some of the churches that were damaged or destroyed. And Catholics are now allowed free access to their places of worship. However, the Church is still not allowed to own property.

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~~He says~~
~~President~~ Cardenas is on the verge of concluding a successful and ~~almost~~ spectacular stroke ~~of business~~ with the oil properties ~~that~~ he has seized. ~~He made~~ ^a deal with a French corporation, whereby this French company will take over ^{a large} ~~one~~ part of the total volume of oil produced by ~~these~~ ^e expropriated wells. The oil ^{to} will be carried in French tankers and ~~will be~~ sold principally to the French Government.

These negotiations are practically completed, though apparently not yet signed. According to ^{Upton} ~~Mr.~~ Close, Cardenas has given the French a few days to sign on the dotted line. If they don't, he will make a similar deal with the Germans. However, it's pointed out that the Germans haven't enough tankers to carry the oil away and couldn't build enough in a short time to carry out the terms of such a contract.

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This is of considerable import to us, as the Japanese have been partners with the Germans in their negotiations. ^{And} The Japanese ~~government has~~ ^{had} been obtaining figures ^{on} ~~of~~ how much it would cost to build a pipe line across the Isthmus ^{of} Tehuantepec.

LABOR

The American Federation of Labor today sent an ultimatum to the Canadian Trades Unions. The Canadian Trades and Labor Congress is under way at Ottawa. The ultimatum of the A.F. of L. says in effect:- "Cut loose from the C.I.O., or else --"

There's an alliance between the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress and the American Federation of Labor. Recently, however, a few ^{Canadian} unions became members of the Committee for Industrial Organization. Hence, the ultimatum received at Ottawa.

LAWYERS

There are the makings of a good fight among the lawyers in convention at Cleveland. The subject of it is a report drawn up by a committee of the ~~Bar~~ American Bar Association; ~~it is~~ quite a biting criticism of the New Deal.

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The Committee says that the tendency to establish so many government administrative agencies is despotic. It quotes the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, and many others; ~~and it~~ says they are leaning toward absolutism. The Chairman of the Committee that drew up the report is ~~Mr.~~ Roscoe Pound, former Dean of the Harvard ~~University~~ Law School.

~~the~~ This aroused the ^{anger} ~~fury~~ of New Dealers among the lawyers.

Jerome Frank, ~~who is~~ not only a member of the Bar Association, ^{and} ~~but~~ also on the Securities and Exchange Commission, says it ^{is} ~~nothing short of~~ defamatory.

EARLE

A new move ~~was made~~ in the political row in Pennsylvania..
~~As we heard some time ago,~~ ^{in the air} Plans have been ~~made~~ for a grand jury
^{ion of} to investigate the administration of ~~the~~ Democratic Governor, Earle.
By way of rebuttal, the Governor's friends in the Legislature
introduced five bills to head off ~~that~~ grand jury hearing.

Today, the Republican floor leader started an effort to
fight those bills. ^{Said he:-} ~~Republican Leader Turner said:~~ "These bills
are to be railroaded through the ~~Pennsylvania~~ Legislature
~~immediately~~ without public hearing." Then he added: "If these
measures are enacted into laws, they will make revolutionary changes
in the conduct and powers of grand juries." ^{also said:-} He ~~said further~~
"In fact, they will deprive every citizen of the protection to
which he is entitled under the present system."

However, the Democrats have a majority in both Houses
of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

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GOLD

~~Here's an interesting bit just made public by Uncle Sam's~~
~~Treasury.~~ The supply of gold held by the United States
government now amounts to more than thirteen billions of dollars.
Thirteen thousand million dollars in the precious metal. ~~That~~
~~means~~ Q about fifty-five per cent of all the gold in the world.

FLOODS

There's an ironic aftermath to the floods in Texas *where*
~~You may recall that~~ the overflow from the Colorado and San Saba
Rivers wrought great damage and loss of property.,

~~Here's~~ The ironic note ~~is~~ comes ~~fr~~ in a complaint from
the Agricultural Association of the County. The Colorado River
Authority had constructed a flood control project called the
Buchanan Dam ^{at a} cost forty million dollars. But it failed to
control the flood.
~~save the farmers of that region from all that loss.~~

OXYGEN

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An interesting test was made in the air today. It was done at Minneapolis. Doctors at the famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester have been working on a new gadget to make flying easier at high altitudes. So an airliner took off from Minneapolis, bound for Los Angeles. It is flying at a height of twenty thousand feet.

In the plane are a ~~crew~~ crew of seven aviators and scientists.

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All ~~these are~~ equipped with ~~the new~~ a new oxygen stratosphere device developed at the Mayo Clinic.

COURT MARTIAL

There was a moment of broad comedy at the military court martial on Governors Island today. There was also testimony that shed a new light upon the charges against Lieutenant-Colonel Giffin, the charges that he had been guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

One of the first on the witness stand today was Lieutenant James C. Smith, the man who preferred those charges. He was not called by the prosecution nor by the defense, but summoned at the order of the court itself. And Lieutenant Smith admitted his reasons for having preferred those accusations against the Lieutenant-Colonel. Said he in answer to one question: "If he had handed me a couple of bucks when I went to him for help, I would not have filed the charges." Then he went on to explain that his reasons for so accusing Lieutenant-Colonel Giffin was that the Colonel had welched on him in a business agreement. Nevertheless, he also confessed that Giffin had given him three hundred dollars on one occasion. That was after Smith and his wife had spent three months at Giffin's home and had then been asked to leave. Smith also admitted that Lieutenant Colonel Giffin had given him money at

other times and had paid his expenses on several trips.

It also came to light that this was not the first time that Lieutenant James C. Smith had preferred charges against his officers. He had done the same thing twice before. On one occasion he had succeeded to the job held by one of the officers *against whom he had complained.* ~~he had squealed on,~~ Another time, in civil life, while employed by General Motors, he had reported the activities of a man to whom he was subordinate. That time he did not get the job, General Motors fired him.

Comedy was brought in by Father Stewart, an army chaplain. The priest was asked about Lieutenant Smith's reputation. Said Father Stewart: "~~He was~~" a deliberate liar and I would not believe ~~him~~ under oath." Then said the prosecutor: "Isn't it true, Father, that you had a fight with Smith?" The priest replied: "Yes." Then he was asked: "Who won?" Father Stewart replied: "You should have seen him when he was lying on the floor."

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~~A Protestant chaplain was also called to the stand and asked about Lieutenant Smith. Said he, reluctantly: "I am inclined to say, Smith's reputation is bad."~~

BROTHERS

Many ^{of you have read} ~~people will doubtless remember~~ "The Master of Ballantrae", one of the most fascinating novels of Robert Louis Stevenson: ^{the gripping Scottish story} ~~To my mind it is the most gripping of all works of fiction~~ that deals with the strange animosity ~~that~~ sometimes ~~pertains~~ between brothers. *Ag*

A modern version of that plot was enacted near Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Strangely enough, the brothers in this real life story have a Scottish name, McDonald. Isaac and Nicodemus McDonald had ^{ed} been neighbors. They own adjoining farms but they seldom ~~ever~~ spoke ~~between~~ ~~another~~. The other day, Isaac McDonald got the idea that Brother Nicodemus had penned up ^{his} two calves ~~belonging to Isaac~~. So Isaac took ^{his} ~~down~~ a shotgun ^{down} off the wall and ^{set out for a call on his} ~~started over to pay a visit on~~ brother. Nicodemus either got wind of the plan or acquired a similar notion. He started to walk towards Isaac's house, also with a shotgun ~~under~~ ~~his~~ ~~arm~~.

The long and short of it: ~~is that~~ they met, ~~and apparently~~ caught sight of each other ^{and} at the same ~~time~~ ~~identical~~ moment. ~~They~~ put their guns to their shoulders, ~~and~~ two shots rang out as one. ~~And~~ each brother ^{wounded, desperately} shot the other in the abdomen. ~~After all this,~~ ~~physicians say they have a fair chance to recover.~~

DUEL FOLLOW BROTHERS

About that same time, there was a duel in Chicago between two men, who bore the same name. ~~But the two Chicago men were~~ ^{but} ~~Hot~~ brothers, [^] They were both named John Smoter. One was a small, shy, retiring fellow, a cobbler by trade. The other John Smother was ~~no kin whatsoever.~~ ~~By contrast, he was~~ large, brawny, a worker in the steel mills.

They met six months ago, ^{and were} [^] drawn together by their sameness of name. Big John and Little John became bosom friends, lived together in the rooms behind the cobbler's shop.

Everything went smoothly for months. Then Big John lost his job in the steel mills. Little John, out of the earnings from his cobbler's shop, supported Big John for a few days but he soon got tired of it. Little John was heard to say, "The big lummoX eats too much, I'll have to get rid of him."

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One day there was an unusual silence around the little cobbler's shop. The neighbors saw no sign of either Little John ~~Smother~~ or Big John. After forty-eight hours, one of the neighbors burst ~~into~~ in the door. On the floor of the shop he found two dead bodies. In the hand of the little man was a twenty-two calibre revolver. ~~And In~~ the hand of the big one, a forty-five.

KICK

Many a man when he gets sore at his own stupidity says, "I ought to have a good, swift kick in the pants." The frequency of that statement afforded an idea to a gentleman in Croatan, in North Carolina. He said to himself: "There is a demand for which someone should furnish a supply." And he added: "Why shouldn't I meet that long felt need?" So he went to work, invented and built a kicking machine *which we've heard about before.*

He owns a filling station and he set up that kicking machine outside the station. You put a penny into the slot, bend over, and the machine responds with a good, swift kick in an appropriate place.

Now here's ~~something more.~~ *the news. The kick-in-the-pants machine* That turns out to be a paying invention. Its inventor says that since he set it up, not a day has passed without at least one man *coming in for a kick.* ~~patronizing that machine.~~

In fact, he has had to replace the shoe on the metal foot ~~that does the kicking~~ not once, but four times. Four shoes have been worn

out in the process of kicking the penitents' *pants at a penny* a kick. Hugh ~~Low~~ *lend me a penny.*
Zowie! And e-l-u-t-m.

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