Ask Me Another
A General Quiz

1. What is a sampan?
2. What is the greatest depth of the Pacific ocean?
3. What state always elects two Indians to the lower house of its legislature?
4. What fish is commonly used for filet of sole? For filet mignon?
5. What state has most cities of 100,000 population or more?
6. What federal body has the sole power to try impeachments?
7. Here is the first line of a well-known poem: "Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" Can you give the second line?
8. What is the abomination of desolation mentioned in the Book of Daniel, in the Bible?

The Answers

1. An Oriental boat.
2. The greatest depth of the Pacific ocean is 35,400 feet, just north of Mindanao of the Philippine isles.
3. Maine.
4. Flounder. Filet mignon is a piece of steak.
5. Massachusetts.
6. The senate.
7. "Like a swift-floating meteor, a fast-flying cloud."
8. It is supposed by Bible students to refer to the desecration of the Temple in Jerusalem by the soldiers of Antiochus Epiphanes.

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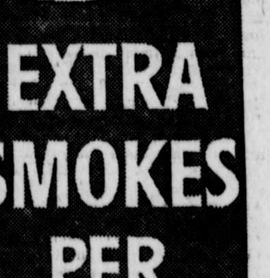

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Russia Becomes New Factor In East European Diplomacy; Baltic, Balkan States Worry

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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THE WAR:
In the East

In 1916 the late Lord Balfour told his British cabinet brothers that "the more Russia is made a European rather than an Asiatic power, the better for everyone." His thesis: That Germany would then be forced to divert attention to the east.

Lord Balfour's wish came true in late September when Russia and Germany split Poland, *(See Map)*, agricultural Russia getting more farm land which she doesn't need, and industrial Germany getting more manufacturing facilities which she doesn't need. But there was nothing to indicate this split-up pleased France and Britain, for Germany and Russia had become fast friends and were upsetting every applecart in eastern Europe.

Except for Warsaw's heroic resistance, the war in Poland was over. But there was plenty of other

POLAND'S PARTITION
For each, more of the same.

trouble. Pro-Nazi Iron Guardists in Rumania assassinated Premier Armand Calinescu and a reign of terror began as his successor executed hundreds of other Iron Guardists as an object lesson. Under similar conditions of internal strife, other nations (Austria and Czecho-Slovakia) had been invaded by Germany.

While Germany turned her eyes westward, Russia closed the Neva river and thus stopped export of Finnish lumber to England (because cellulose, essential in gunpowder, comes from woodpulp). Next the Kremlin was host to a flock of visitors, including little Esthonia's Foreign Minister Karl Setler who found his nation under big Russia's thumb. Latvia and Lithuania also watched, because Russia covets the Baltic sea outlet which any of these three nations could give her. Another early arrival was Turkey's Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoglu, indicating increased Soviet sway over the Black sea. Yugo-Slavia and Hungary were rumored anxious to restore diplomatic relations, for the Kremlin was definitely in eastern Europe's saddle.

At Sea

After nearly a month of war, the score on losses stood at 29 British ships, one French, nine German and nine neutral. Scandinavian nations began suffering as two Swedish and two Finnish boats (both carrying woodpulp to England) were torpedoed by Germany. Miscellany at sea:

¶ The Polish liner Batory was placed in Canadian service as a munitions carrier.

¶ A U. S. Mediterranean destroyer, the Jacob Jones, saved a British steamer from submarine attack off Portugal.

¶ Germany announced sinking an unnamed British destroyer.

In the West

As a construction crew works harder when the boss is watching, so did Germany's army put its shoulder to the western front when Der Fuehrer and Col.-Gen. Walther von Brauchitsch arrived from Poland. Gone was the last chance for peace *(See WAR OF WORDS)* and the lethargic fighting of earlier weeks developed into serious warfare. Though French-English troops repulsed the Nazi sorties staged for Adolf Hitler's benefit, the real battle was yet to come when Germany's 70 divisions arrived from Poland. Seizing time by the forelock, British and French planes reportedly bombed the Friedrichshafen Zeppelin works and pounded their way right up to the main Siegfried line.

War of Words

Biggest revelation of the week was Britain's "blue book" on prewar diplomacy, showing that Ambassador Sir Nevile Henderson had been warned on August 16 that Russia would join the Reich in partitioning Poland. This disposed nicely of the Soviet excuse that she had marched to protect Poland's Ukrainians and White Russians.

Biggest propaganda news was the British announcement that Germany's "freedom" radio station was active again, urging people to desert Herr Hitler.

But the biggest word battle of all was found between Rome and London. To Bologna Fascist leaders, Dictator Mussolini pointed out that Poland was "liquidated" and that the justification for war was therefore ended.

Next day a British spokesman reiterated Prime Minister's earlier recitation of Britain's war aim: "To redeem Europe from the perpetual fear of German aggression." Il Duce's peace feeler had failed.

PAN AMERICA:
Job, Opportunity

Undiplomatic as happy kids who know a secret are U. S. business men who stand to profit from South American trade expansion during the European war. In late September, while 22 American nations met at Panama City to weld their friendship and neutrality, there was much bustling among tradesmen in New York and Washington.

The National Economic and Social Planning association said the U. S. stands to gain "tremendously" in Latin-American trade, but was wise enough to warn that expansion must proceed on the "basic principle that the only justifiable purpose . . . is to benefit all concerned." Next day American Express company's Lynde Selden announced his firm was opening a chain of Latin-American offices to help the U. S. in a boom trade he expected would reach nearly $300,000,000 a year.

Gone are the days of U. S. "dollar diplomacy" in Central and South America, a policy which reaped as much ill will as it did profits. But there is every indication that Europe's new war will indeed bring a trade boom, moreover that U. S. profits this time will be instigated just as solidly by our southern neighbors as "dollar diplomacy's" profits were instigated by American profiteers.

SUMNER WELLES AND WIFE
He bore no gifts.

This turning of tables was obvious at Panama City. First off, the conference talked about neutrality and a 300-mile defense network around the entire hemisphere, in which belligerent activities would be banned. But U. S. Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles drew just as much attention as neutrality. While long-hostile Argentina was negotiating a reciprocal trade treaty in Washington, Undersecretary Welles was kept busy explaining why his country could not arrange more financial aid like it recently extended to Haiti, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Brazil. Reason: Congress' failure to pass the lend-spend bill. Thus the Export-Import bank, which financed Brazil's recent purchase of 14 freighters, could not underwrite a similar bid from Chile.

Though he bore no gifts, Undersecretary Welles could go back home with a pretty good idea of the job and opportunity confronting the U. S. in Pan-America relations: To "carry" its economically strapped markets until world markets are restored to normal.

Trend
How the wind is blowing . . .

FINANCE—"To protect itself against market uncertainty," the New York Telephone company prepared to finance a $75,000,000 bond issue through nine insurance companies.

GOLD—Mid-September U. S. gold holdings neared 17 billion dollars, compared with 13½ billions a year ago. Reason: Continued flight of European gold.

MILADY—War's reaction on two feminine items: (1) A hosiery maker advanced prices 65 cents a dozen on its full-fashioned line; (2) diamond prices have jumped 20 to 300 per cent.

EMPLOYMENT—Non-agricultural U. S. employment has jumped 550,000 since mid-July. Reason: European war demands.

PHILIPPINES—Assemblyman Jose Romero urged Filipinos to re-examine the desirability of complete independence from the U. S. in 1946. More concrete action in this direction is expected immediately.

NEWS QUIZ

Know your news? Deduct 20 points for every question you miss. 100 is excellent; 80, good; 60, fair; 40, poor; 20 ——!

1. Choice: Smyrna, indicated on above map, was in the news because: (a) It was bombed by a German cruiser; (b) An earthquake killed 150 people; (c) The president of Turkey denounced harems in a speech there.

2. Necrology: Name a German war general who was killed in action. Also name a World war correspondent (one-eyed) who died.

3. What part of the U. S. suffered an unusually long and unseasonable hot spell?

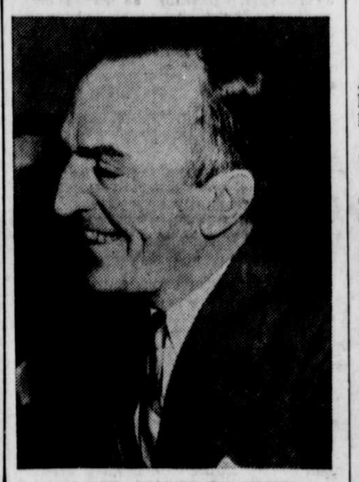
4. Choice: U. S. bonds slumped badly for several days because: (a) Everyone wanted to buy "war baby" stocks; (b) Federal reserve banks withdrew their support; (c) Administration opponents started a whispering campaign against the bonds.

5. What national convention drew 250,000 visitors to Chicago?

(Answers at bottom of column.)

CONGRESS:
Neutrality

Strange bedfellows and cockeyed political combinations mingled with pleas for "an adjournment of politics" as congress got its teeth into Franklin Roosevelt's neutrality problem. The argument: Should the arms embargo (barring munition sales to belligerents) be replaced by "cash-and-carry," under which warring nations could buy and carry off (in their own ships) anything they wanted? A Gallup poll showed 57 per cent of the U. S. favored "cash-and-carry," but that didn't stop an argument. On the contrary,



EDDIE RICKENBACKER
One of many peculiar chums.

one kind of politics adjourned and another took its place. Incidents:

¶ Alf Landon, 1936 G. O. P. presidential nominee, told the New York Herald-Tribune that a third term denial would be Franklin Roosevelt's greatest contribution in the present emergency. The President (whose popularity has zoomed to 1936 heights) made no comment.

¶ A "Wisconsin-Palo Alto axis" was formed by isolationists and anti-repealists, embracing such peculiar chums as former President Herbert Hoover, former Wisconsin Gov. Philip LaFollette, Father Charles E. Coughlin, Capt. Eddie V. Rickenbacker and J. C. Hormel, Austin, Minn., meat packer. As his fellow aviator, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, had done the week before, Captain Rickenbacker made a radio talk. The "axis" named itself the Keep-Out-of-War committee.

¶ All Republican and one Democratic (Missouri's Bennett Champ Clark) members of the senate foreign relations committee were barred from a private session of that group called to draft a neutrality bill. This brought many sarcastic remarks about "adjourned politics."

At last a measure was submitted to the complete committee and seemed certain to reach the floor for heated debate. Not only would it provide "cash-and-carry" neutrality but it would placate presidential foes by requiring a majority of both houses for invocation. Another executive check: the munitions control board must report to congress on sales to belligerents each six months. Ninety-day credit was extended to belligerents. Other features: (1) Authorizing the President to designate combat zones and bar American ships and citizens from them; (2) prohibiting collection of funds for belligerents; (3) requiring belligerents to take title of goods before shipment.

News Quiz Answers

1. (B) is correct. Earthquake killed 150 people and was felt throughout Turkey.
2. Necrology: Col. Gen. Werner von Fritsch was killed at Warsaw. Floyd Gibbons died at Stroudsburg, Pa.
3. Southern California coastal temperatures ranged around 100 for a week.
4. (B) is correct. Federal reserve banks withdrew their support.
5. American Legion.

WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—Early this year, Germany and Italy were making vigorous efforts to swing Brazil into their lineup, perhaps knowing better than the rest of the world what lay ahead. There were disquieting reports of their progress, later offset by more comforting news and now quite definitely scotched, it would appear. The current insistence of General Pedro Aurelio Goes Monteiro that there must be continental unity in the Western hemisphere is the most definitely responsive message that our state department has yet obtained in its overtures to Latin-America.

Brazil General's Plea for Unity Heartens U. S.

"We must be prepared to face any eventuality," says the general, "and to ward off attacks against this continent of liberty and tolerance."

He is known as the "General Grant of Brazil," this tag being due to his suppressing the San Paolo revolt in 1932, and disclosing a penchant for co-operation with the government thereafter. Washington made a great fuss over him, when he was here last July, having prevailed over Germany in an encounter of international tuft-hunting—Germany was readying a big party for him, but he stopped off here, instead.

Fifty years old, round-faced and amiable, he is professional soldier, but bears none of the impress of the military careerist. He moved up slowly through grades in the army, and did not become a captain until 1924. He became chief of staff in 1932, commanding an army of 65,000.

In 1936, his son, Lieut. Pedro Aurelio Goes Monteiro Jr., was killed in an airplane accident. He has one daughter.

VISCOUNT GORT, commanding the British forces in France, is only 53 years old and therefore escaped War Minister Leslie Hore-Belisha's army youth movement of 1937. He was one of Kitchener's men in the early days of the World war, a staff officer, in many engagements, honored with the Military cross, the Victoria cross and the Distinguished Service order. He is rather slight in stature, with thinning hair, quietly unassuming, given to reserve in manner and quiet, easy speech.

British Oldsters Reassured by Gen. Gort on Job

He was trained at Sandhurst, and in the World war gained a reputation as a shrewd strategist, capable of scoring without sacrificing too many men. He is distinctly of the pre-1914 school of army tradition, and that has been a matter of considerable satisfaction in England.

Septuagenarians, whispering in their clubs, complained that this young Hore-Belisha, only 43, was raising the very devil with the army. With the sixth Viscount Gort still on the job, there is reassurance.

THERE seems to be a bit of novelty in a college course on how not to get hysterical in wartime. President Ralph C. Hutchison, president of Washington and Jefferson college, quite given to academic innovations, announces the course, or rather courses, with four faculty members teaching four courses, each yielding full college credit. Origins and inducements of war, the propaganda build-up and particularized information on any particular war which might be in the offing will be elaborated to boost calm reason and prevent "mass hysteria."

College Offers Course in Sanity In Time of War

It was in 1933 that Dr. Hutchison told a state convention of New Jersey school teachers that "education in high schools, colleges and universities has become the great American racket." His idea, later expounded and amplified, is that the above is made manifest by the appalling number of college graduates who are just a jump or two ahead of the police in "defalcations, corrupt practices, municipal graft" and the like.

He is a former Presbyterian minister of Florissant, Colo., president of W. & J. since 1932.

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