

Possible Repercussions in Sub-Sinking May Determine Japan Action, War Analyst Says

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Ripples of international import that could ultimately reach the shores of the far Pacific were stirred when the American ship Robin Moor went down in the south Atlantic, the first American sea victim of the war in Europe.

Pending diplomatic interchanges between Washington and Berlin, repercussions of the incident are difficult to foresee. Wars stemmed from less overt acts.

If the German-American crisis precipitated by the sinking should result in acts of war, declared or undeclared, the question of war, and of Japan's reaction would then arise.

Tokyo has nebulous commitments to the axis. Mussolini and other spokesmen at Rome have been making much of those commitments recently. They have said that if the United States became a belligerent against the axis, Japan would also enter the struggle as an axis ally.

It is in Tokyo and not in Berlin or Rome, however, that Japanese obligations to the axis under the tripartite pact will be determined. And the circumstances leading to American-German hostilities, if that comes of the Robin Moor case, might be very important to Tokyo in reaching a decision.

There can be little question that Washington is dealing with the incident with an eye also on Japan. It has been careful to make it clear to the world that the Robin Moor was not in a declared combat zone of the European war when attacked; that she carried no war munitions; that her nationality was fully known to the submarine commander who sent her down.

The published text of the tripartite pact seems to commit its signers to retaliatory action only in case a nation outside the axis becomes a military aggressor against any of the axis trio. Even then the duties it imposes on the axis mates are implicit rather than specific. What unpublished understandings are involved is unknown.

It is certainly arguable, however, that Japan carefully reserved for herself the right to determine what she would do as an axis partner in the light of particular circumstances. If Tokyo wants an out in the case of American axis hostilities, the Robin Moor case as presented by Washington officials fully provides it.

Nazi Paper On Invasion Confiscated

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course are regularly and promptly hurled back into the sea, the show goes off as the English imagine it should, and not as proper German soldiers would do it," he added.

There was a hint that developments surprising to England might be in prospect within the next two months.

Champs Fall In Fun Game

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y., June 13.—(P)—The nearest thing to a game for fun that two major league clubs have played since Abner Doubleday invented baseball in this placid town 102 years ago was reeled off in the rain and mud today with the Cleveland Indians beating the world champion Cincinnati Reds 2 to 1 in six innings.

The field would have been considered unplayable in the big leagues, but in order not to disappoint the estimated 5000 fans who huddled in the little confines of Doubleday field, Manager Bill McKechnie of the Reds and Roger Peckinpaugh of the Indians went on with the show.

The ball was slippery and the field precarious, so the players took everything easy, even to chasing and petting a couple of stray dogs which romped just back of the infield at intervals throughout the contest.

ST. LOUIS, June 13.—(P)—Manager Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers has a good explanation to give the Flatbush fans for losing to the Cardinals Friday night.

Not only was it Friday the 13th, but—with the bases loaded in the Dodgers' half of the fourth inning—Mickey Owen coming to bat—a stark cat ran out of the Cardinals' dugout, scampered across the infield and down to the right field wall.

The crowd roared. Owen grounded to Martin Marston. Uttersley, St. Louis' triumphed 1 to 0. At the end of the inning, the cat was ushered to an exit.

Unions Asked To Stay Put

FR Calls Moratorium on Inter-Unit Raids; Seizures Approved

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possibly lead to forms of jurisdictional strikes.

Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Teamsters' union (AFL), had telegraphed the chief executive that other organizations, influenced by said by subversive elements, were trying to win local groups from "loyal organizations."

The CIO chartered a teamsters' union local at Minneapolis Thursday in its first move into this field.

It was the second time this week that Mr. Roosevelt had intervened personally in labor affairs, aside from his order for the army to take over the North American Aviation corporation's plant at Inglewood, Calif.

On last Monday, he asked the AFL machinists' union to end its strike at 11 San Francisco shipyards and drydocks. The union's executive council, in response to the request, directed the strikers Thursday night to go back to work.

Harry Hook, San Francisco business agent of the union, promptly called a meeting Sunday to consider the council's action. He said there was a possibility the machinists would go back on Monday.

The five weeks old strike of less than 2000 machinists has obstructed work on \$500,000,000 of ship construction and repair in yards employing about 20,000 men. They demanded \$1.15 an hour with double time for overtime, rejecting an agreement negotiated by the AFL metal traders which provided for \$1.12 with time and one-half for overtime.

The machinists have been getting \$1 and double time.

Settlement of the shipyard dispute would be another big step in clearing up a west coast situation in which, a few days ago, some 30,000 to 40,000 men were idle because of strikes.

Reopening of the North American plant returned some 11,000 workers to production.

Another coast development was ratification by AFL machinists of a new contract with Consolidated Aircraft corporation, San Diego, which has \$700,000,000 in bomber orders.

The agreement, which removed threat of a walkout, was understood to provide for an increase from 50 to 55 cents in the minimum hourly wage, and for a modified union shop. The union had asked a 60-cent minimum. Other details of the new contract were not disclosed, but a union official said it meant \$7,000,000 in additional pay for 14,000 workers over the next two years.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(P)—In the interest of national defense President Roosevelt Friday ordered that all government employees whose fingerprints are not on file and all future new employees be fingerprinted.

The president's order, although left unexplained officially, was considered a move to prevent the entry of subversive elements into the federal service. The finger prints, it was said, would be taken by civil service commission and turned over to the FBI for checking as to criminal records and for permanent classification and filing.

SEATTLE, June 13.—(P)—The Western Washington CIO lumber strike front cracked and buckled Friday as the three largest union locals prepared to return to work Monday under the formula framed by the national defense board.

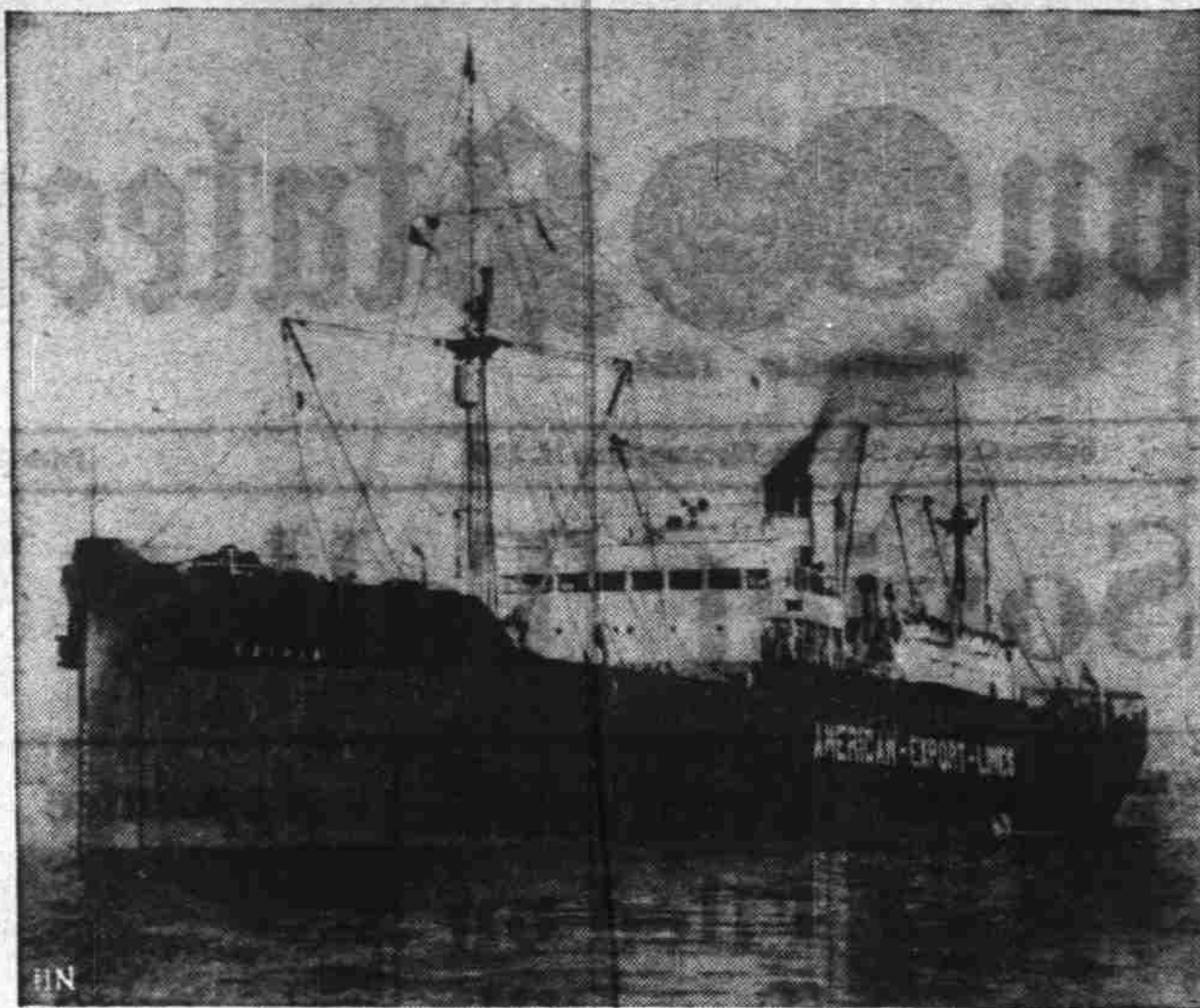
NEWARK, N. J., June 13.—(P)—Amid shouts of "let's hang them right" and "drive out communism," members of local 365, United Automobile Workers (CIO) Friday night suspended 10 members and ordered them tried on charges of instigating a 90-minute walkout at the Long Island City, N.Y. plant of the Brewster Aeronautical corporation, busy on defense orders for fighter planes.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—(P)—An intensive drive to unearth every communist in the nation has added thousands of new names to lists in the hands of the government.

Major Lemuel B. Schofield, chief of the department of immigration and naturalization, in disclosing this Friday said recent investigations had confirmed a belief that communists are concentrated primarily on the west coast and in New York city.

SEATTLE, June 13.—(P)—An agreement with the Waterfront Employers' association increasing the wages of 150 members of the walting bosses' union from 10 to

Sister Ship of Robin Moor Sunk by Nazi Sub



This is the Exiria, an American Export Lines ship which is a sister ship to the American steamer Robin Moor, which has been reported sunk in the south Atlantic en route from New York to Cape Town, South Africa, with a crew of 38 and eight passengers aboard. One report received by the navy in Washington was that the freighter was sunk by a German submarine. Eleven of the crew were reported picked up by a Brazilian steamer. It was not known whether the rest were saved or not.

Two Petitions Filed on Bills

Referendum List on Text Books to Be Ruled on Legality

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consulted on whether they could be legally filed.

Van Winkle advised that the petitions could be received subject to his later ruling on their legality.

David O'Hara, chief of the elections division, said that the secretary of state will formally request an opinion from Van Winkle today.

Doubt as to validity of the petitions arises because of the supreme court's recent action in changing the ballot title for the referendum after circulation of the petitions was started. Some of the petitions filed Friday bear the ballot title, prepared by Van Winkle, which the supreme court ruled inadequate after an appeal by the referendum's sponsors.

The petitions carry 16,300 signatures, their sponsors said, with 15,896 valid signatures needed to place the referendum on the November, 1942, ballot.

Sponsor of the referendum is the Association Against Public Taxes for Private Schools of which Charles A. Rice, Portland is president and Floyd D. Moore, Portland, secretary.

The fish bill referendum was filed by a committee composed of Monroe Sweetland, Portland, executive secretary of the Oregon Commonwealth federation, Charles F. Henne, Tidewater, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Fishermen's council, Earl Hill, Cushman, and Tom Flippl, Florence.

The petitions were circulated by the fishermen's council. Henne issued the following statement for the sponsoring organizations:

"When the sportsmen's organizations are ready to get behind a genuine conservation bill they will find their strongest support among our commercial fishermen whose future depends on conservation. The bill which they had forced through the legislature and which our petition has suspended simply discriminated against the commercial fisherman and gave the sportsmen a monopoly of the coastal rivers, without regard for true conservation."

Prison Escapee Still at Large

Scott Jim, the Indian youth who escaped from a work gang near the penitentiary annex Thursday, was still at large late Friday night after two days of search for him in the mountainous country along the North Santiam river.

State police and prison guards were on the lookout for Jim in the regions around Detroit Friday, believing he would attempt to cross the Cascades in an effort to reach his home in Harney county.

Jim was committed from Harney county for being armed with a dangerous weapon. Prison officials said he was "not particularly dangerous."

GERMANS LULL TURKEY ANKARA, Turkey, June 12.—(Delayed)—(P)—The Turkish official news agency, Agence Anatolia, said in a Berlin dispatch Friday that it was authorized to state that Germany "never dreamed and not intend to demand military transit through Turkey."

32 cents an hour was reported Friday by T. A. Thomson, secretary of the international longshoremen's union (AFL). The IILA is the union.

ABERDEEN, June 13.—(P)—A temporary agreement negotiated Friday between 15 logging operators and a local No. 2 IWA committee will be voted on by 2400 at a special meeting here at 2 p. m. Saturday.

In One Ear . .

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That's when they remembered, our scout swears on a stack of bibles he brought along just for that purpose, that they'd kept the surprise so secret they'd forgot to invite the honor guest.

Things We Forgot—The fireman planting flowers at the city hall while seven other firemen, one who had brought a chair for comfort, gave expert advice . . .

The lily of the Nile, which has no competition at all from skunk cabbage, which a city hall prankster placed on Hannah Martin's desk and caused great confusion in the city recorder's office . . .

And the city recorder's frequent perusal of cook books between dishing out fines, her favorite dish . . . that girl at the police station whose name we have forgotten by request . . . And we never got around to finding that nice old man with a million for Lil, the glamour gal of the statehouse lower level . . .

That story on caboose—crummies to those who ride them—we were always going to write . . . And a thousand more like it . . . Well, it's been fun knowing you and so long.

Eugene Hit By Big Fire

EUGENE, Ore., June 13.—(P)—A four-hour fire Friday threatened a \$1,000,000 business block in the heart of downtown Eugene, destroying the Seth Laraway building at damage estimated by owners at \$127,500.

Flames licked from the building's basement into the J. J. Newberry company store on the town's main street, completely destroying the store's contents and leaving the building a hollow shell.

Business district traffic was tied up throughout the afternoon and heavy smoke, which hindered firefighters, overcame Fireman Carl Cuddebeck and an unidentified girl. Both were revived.

The blaze was blamed on a match in the hands of a pin setter in a basement bowling alley. The match ignited a shellac bucket and spread rapidly.

Besides the bowling alley, a dentist's office and a photography studio were burned. The building itself was valued at \$100,000.

Business Manager Jack G. London of Newberry's estimated the store's loss at \$300,000. Other owners said the photography studio damage would total \$7500, a beauty salon, \$5,000; the bowling alley, \$10,000, and the dentist's office \$3000.

WAR NEWS BRIEFS

LONDON, Saturday, June 14.—(P)—Axis planes dropped seven bombs Friday on the British Mediterranean island of Cyprus, an Exchange telegraph dispatch from the capital, Nicosia, said today. There was no property damage, but one person was injured.

BERLIN, Saturday, June 14.—(P)—Two British bombers were shot down Friday night during raids by small RAF forces on western Germany and the northwestern coastal area, the Germans reported today. No important targets were hit, they said, but some civilians were killed or wounded.

LONDON, Saturday, June 14.—(P)—British bombers Friday night attacked Germany's Ruhr industrial district for the third straight night, it was reported authoritatively today. The German-held French port of Brest also was bombed.

Officials Leave Syria NEW YORK, June 13.—(P)—Unconfirmed free-French reports broadcast Friday night by the British radio, said that French functionaries were preparing to leave both Damascus and Beirut, capitals, respectively, of Syria and Lebanon. The broadcast was heard by NBC.

Enlarged Plan for Apprentice Training in Schools Discussed

Development of an enlarged advisory program for the apprenticeship system of the Salem public schools went another step Friday night as trades training supervisors and members of the apprenticeship and advisory commissions met for their first annual banquet at the Senator hotel.

Nazis Threaten Guns on Russ

German Demands for Foodstuffs Denied; Troops on Border

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of the present war was implied—topped off a day of heavy military action on land and in the air and an apparently grave turn in German-United States relations.

1. The British air ministry, which overnight had directed what was called in London the heaviest and most damaging raid yet made in Germany's industrial Ruhr, announced that one of Germany's two surviving 10,000-ton pocket battleships had been hit Friday by an aerial torpedo off the Norwegian coast. Smoke billowed from the stricken ship, the British said, and she limped off toward the Skagerrak.

2. In the middle east, allied forces surrounded Damascus, the Syrian capital, and appeared about to win a capitulation without a fight from the defending colonial troops of Vichy France. The Vichy forces were understood to be preparing to declare it an open city.

Vichy acknowledged, too, that British and free French forces had reached Sidon, some 25 miles south of Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, claiming that the invaders were later driven back. British accounts put the offensive beyond that point and considerably nearer Beirut.

An Ankara dispatch said another British column striking into northeastern Syria from Iraq now was only 115 miles from Aleppo which the British charged was a German air base. Aleppo's fall is expected this weekend, the dispatch says.

Meanwhile the Turkish official news agency carried a Berlin story that it was authorized to state that Germany "never demanded and does not intend to demand military transit through Turkey" to strike at the British. If Germany wants to intervene in Syria, her occupation of the Aegean islands offers an "easy route" the Berlin story said.

American-French relations also took a new turn when Secretary of State Hull in Washington sharply attacked the Vichy government of France and said it seemed to be fighting Germany's battle in Syria.

The French, he declared, made no objection—"much less resistance"—when Germany "recently desired to make use of Syria to attack British forces in Iraq."

Thus Secretary Hull made plain that he felt the British drive into French-mandated Syria was justified, and said Vichy's attitude "is a matter of the deepest disappointment and sorrow."

In widespread Mediterranean air fighting the British claimed to have destroyed 14 axis planes, 11 of them over Malta and three off the Lebanese coast when German Junker planes attacked British warships three miles west of Sidon, Lebanon.

An axis ship in a convoy was hit and several other ships in Bengasi were struck and set afire, the British communiqué said. Four British planes were lost, three of them in the Malta action.

Almost coincidental with Moscow's report of German troop maneuvers, the Finnish government put restrictions on travel by foreigners in its northern and border districts—restrictions similar to those applied last fall when German troops moved through northern Finland enroute to Norway. London heard reports that 25,000 nazi soldiers already were in Finland.

LEOMINSTER, Mass., June 9.—(P)—The auctioneer shouted "What am I bid?"

It was an antique chair owned by the William Boyden estate. Somebody in the crowd shouted "25 cents."

The auctioneer, groaning in the best tradition of his trade, called for an assistant to bring the antique to the front so everybody could see it.

A cushion fell off the chair—flattering to the floor gold notes—\$100 worth of them in tens and twenties; the old-fashioned type issued in 1913.

The auctioneer picked up the money, turned it over to Joseph A. Lovering, administrator of the estate, and went on with his selling.

The chair sold for \$2.

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Theory Troops Defeat "Reds"

Command Post War Ends in "Win;" Men Ready for Big Battle

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with approximately 40,000 theoretical men.

While the 41st division was being theoretically held in reserve in this "war" on paper, the troops actually had gone into action against a grass fire that took virtually even the skeleton staffs of command posts.

Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt will deliver a critique on the command post exercise Monday. Troops will be in unit combat training next week while the seventh division moves here from Fort Ord preparatory to the final big battle of the maneuvers, June 23 to 28.

Commenting on Thursday's search for a reported "foreign agent," who, posing as a secret service man, rode with troops and witnessed maneuvers, Major C. H. Titus, said:

"The matter was investigated by G-2 (intelligence section) and sufficient evidence was found upon which to base further action. If additional evidence is found, it will be turned over to proper authorities."

Censors Hit At News Meet

Oregon Publishers Tell Views; US Officials at Parley; Editors Talk

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tary area executive officer, Portland; Lieut. Nard Jones, 13th naval district intelligence officer, Seattle, and N. J. L. Pieper, FBI, San Francisco, in a panel discussion.

Also included was a paper by Donald J. Sterling, managing editor of the Oregon Journal, which struck a note of compromise and described differences between newspapers and armed forces as "growing pains incident to an acute emergency and not at all serious."

Sterling criticized Navy Secretary Knox of "compounded stupidity" in suppressing arrival of the British naval vessel Malaya in New York but said it was the job of newspapers to observe essential regulations and to print the message of national defense.

Hoyt told the publishers that "this country cannot successfully rearm unless there is sufficient interest among the American public to make it possible. While the press will cooperate in withholding essential military news, to suppress the obvious would make newspapers and the government look ridiculous."

Ball hoped there would be no imposition of press laws governing news in the emergency because "such laws have a tendency to remain on the books when the emergency is gone."

The army and navy have no desire for and have made no move toward formal censorship, Col. Cleary and Lieut. Jones assured the publishers.

Pieper said "when and if a fight comes it will be fought within and will take good American morale to meet it." He asked that newspapers refrain from scareheadings and sabotage news because it tended to create public hysteria.

(Stephen C. Mergler, managing editor of The Oregon Statesman, is attending the session in his editorial capacity and as the representative of The Statesman's publisher.)

Portland Milk Prices Raised

PORTLAND, June 13.—(P)—The Oregon milk control board, with a few exceptions, increased all milk prices in the Portland area Friday.

Effective next Monday, four per cent milk was boosted from 11 to 12 cents a quart. Pints remained at 8 cents. Five per cent milk, now selling for 13 cents a quart and 9 cents a pint, was not increased.

Table cream was raised from 25 to 28 cents a pint but the 15-cent half-pint price remained unchanged. Whipping cream went up from 33 to 36 cents per pint and 18 to 21 cents per half-pint.

Under the new schedule, distributors who have been paying 58 cents per pound for butterfat will pay 65 cents.

A one-cent differential in milk prices requested by "cash and carry" stores was denied by the board.

They returned to the scene but could find no mad dog.

Salem Joins in Honoring Flag

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but at the desire of the individual.

Salem residents may find a small news angle in the fact that the thousands of flags exhibited this week in what is declared the greatest display of the symbol of patriotism since World War No. 1 were not purchased during the past week or even the past month.

Salem merchants Friday night declared that sale of flags had been steady and large throughout the spring months, greatest in many years.

Yesterday Was Friday 13th; Some Results

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draw out his savings. His balance was . . . thirteen dollars.

COLUMBUS, O., June 13.—(P)—Do you think Friday the 13th means anything to City Fireman Arthur G. Davis?

Well, he and Mrs. Davis were married on June 13, 1936. A year later on Friday, August 13, their first daughter was born; and yes, Friday, the 13th—a second daughter was born.

And that's not all—Davis has had No. 13 in No. 7 engine house.

COLUMBUS, O., June 13.—(P)—Born six months ago on Friday the 13th, James Black, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Black, of nearby Circleville, was killed in an automobile collision Friday the 13th.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 13.—(P)—Who's afraid of Friday the 13th?

Not John M. Cate, Nashville attorney, who picked Friday "apocryphally" to qualify as a candidate for circuit court judge nomination in the democratic primary September 4.

"I'm not superstitious," grinned Cate. "This is my lucky day."

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