

At Wimbledon the day was dramatic, four women battling at Enlis on the British Courts -- with one big question at issue. Helen Wills Moody played Hilde Sperling of Denmark. Helen Jacobs fought it out with Alice Marble. The two Helens of California famous for their long bitter rivalry with racquets and the bouncing ball. Time and again they've played hard fought matches - the most renowned rivals of the Tennis world. This morning the situation was, if the two Helens were to win, then they'd face each other on Saturday and renew their old feud.

So let's see what happened. Helen Jacobs played first, and scored a swift, decisive victory over Alice Marble, also of California. Helen Jacobs won in straight sets. Helen Wills Moody had a long tennis tussle with the lady from Denmark, and in the end -- outlasted her, winning the match. So, the two Helens from California each had a triumph today, and on Saturday one will triumph and win the Wimbledon crown. So Saturday is likely to be a day of intense drama on that court on the outskirts of London.

War Ships.

A document was signed today ~~by~~ permitting the construction of warlike sea giants of forty-five thousand tons. In London representatives of Great Britain, <sup>the</sup> United States and France put their signatures on a protocol which changes the old twenty-five thousand ton maximum and raises it to forty-five thousand. That doesn't mean that super giants of that immense tonnage will necessarily be built. The British Admiralty announces that Britain won't go over forty thousand tons, unless some other European nation does. The new dreadnaughts on the British Rearmament program will have a tonnage of forty thousand with sixteen inch guns, the maximum calibre.

ENGLAND.

The ways of British politics are curious to us Americans, bristling with formalities and points of propriety that often bewilder a non-British mind. Take the crisis in parliament that today threatened the downfall of the Chamberlain Cabinet - all because of a point of parliamentary propriety. It caused the storm over the international crisis to disappear, Chamberlain's dealings with the dictators, the Spanish peril, the bombing of British ships by Franco's war planes. Suddenly all this is forgotten - because ~~a~~<sup>a</sup> military court wanted to ask some questions of a member of Parliament.

**H** Several days ago Duncan Sandys M. P. asked a question. He's a Conservative, <sup>and</sup> a member of the Chamberlain party. He's also a son-in-law of that lone wolf of the Tories, Winston Churchill. Duncan Sandys arose in Parliament and made some inquiries of the Government about British air defense. His question was phrased in such fashion as to infer that the air rearm<sup>ment</sup> program was not going so well - grave deficiencies. It was apparent that he had inside information on the subject, which is a military secret. Where did he get it? Who told him?

The point was immediately taken up by the British war office, a Military Tribunal was scheduled to make an inquiry - under the military secrets act. It was reported that high ranking generals were to be questioned. Did they tell the M. P.? And, Duncan Sandys himself was summoned to appear before the Military Court - and answer.

All this doesn't seem to us to be of such earth - shaking importance, but it brought on the parliamentary tempest, which caused the international crisis, the dictators, the Spanish war and the ship bombings, to be forgotten. The labor opposition stormed to the attack and they were joined by a large section of the Conservatives. The Chamberlain Government was threatened with overthrow.

It's a British constitutional principle that no power can call an M. P. to account for what he says in Parliament. And that goes back to the long struggles for freedom in British history against kings and ministers - to establish a parliamentary right of free criticism. If an M. P. can be haled before a Military Tribunal to answer for what he said in the Commons, why

that's a blow to British constitutional freedom. For a while Prime Minister ~~Chamberlain~~ Chamberlain held his ground. He's the stern, austere statesman who stood rigidly against the raging attack on his diplomatic policies. But today he had to bend in the face of the angry uprising. The latest from London is Chamberlain's admission that when the war office summoned ~~Sandys~~ Sandys before a Military Tribunal, it committed a breach of parliamentary privilege. That's the finding of the committee on privileges. **I**n other words, it was all wrong, the Government takes it back. The M. P. won't have to face the Military Court and the whole question of who gave the air defense information is put off, delayed until some time or other. Anything to get attention off the bedeviled affair that nearly caused the downfall of the British Cabinet.

THE PALESTINE

There were riotous demonstrations in Warsaw today - demonstrations before the British embassy. ~~And~~ Why should crowds in Poland storm in a protest against the British

*Yes.*

government? All because of that event in Palestine, the hanging <sup>a</sup> ~~hanging~~

*Jew, the first to be hung in the Holy Land in more than*  
~~1000 years, a part of~~  
the British efforts to suppress terrorism

in the Holy Land. Solomon Ben Joseph, the doomed man was a

Polish Jew who had ~~immigrated~~ immigrated to find happiness in

Zion. So today the Jewish newspapers in Poland appeared with

black borders of mourning. Zionist societies bade their

members ~~to~~ wear arm-bands of black. The British government

received more than six thousand cablegrams from Polish Jews,

cables addressed to King George. And today Polish police had

to protect the British Embassy against an angry Jewish

demonstration.

*1000 years, a part of*

POPE

The message the Vatican sent to the Japanese government used a strong expression - the word "massacre". Pope Pius has made an official protest to Tokyo against the Japanese bombing of Chinese cities. And the message asks the Mikado's army, quote, to avoid useless massacres and bombing of open cities, unquote. Yes, the dropping of deadly torpedoes on great centers of population *seems to most of us to be* just massacre.

The reply of the Japanese government is polite, as usual. Foreign minister Uragi says that the utmost will be done "to assure the safety of the civil non-combatant population"

FOLLOW POPE.

A similar humanitarian theme was sounded in Rome, when the Pope today received the new Ambassador from

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Franco's Spain - the first one to be appointed. The papacy

recognizes <sup>Francos so-called</sup> ~~the~~ national regime and the Pope expressed his

hope that Franco would soon bring the Civil War to an end.

With that, he cited the Generalissimo's promise "to limit

the victims of the sufferings of war whenever possible".

The Pope wants him to stick to that promise.



SPAIN.

*And* The new Non-Intervention drive to get the foreign fighters out of Spain is progressing rapidly - that's the word from London.

~~■~~ This seems to be confirmed by word from the south of France. On a road to the Spanish border, nine trucks were speeding along today and they were heavily loaded with freight - supplies for the Spanish ~~loyalists~~ *Loyalists*. At the frontier they were stopped by the guards, told they couldn't pass into Spain, and sent back under guard. The interpretation of this incident is that France is tightening up the frontier control, and is keeping supplies from going to Barcelona. This fits in with the new Non-Intervention Plan - the French border to be sealed tight, and Mussolini to get ~~■~~ *his* Italians out of Spain.

MARRIAGE

There's a lot of difference between seventy-eight and twenty-six, and tonight that bit of arithmetic comes under

the heading of evangelism. Bridegroom of seventy-eight

and bride of twenty-six -- and he is Gypsy Smith, the

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famous evangelist, <sup>from England.</sup> For a couple of generations Gypsy Smith

has been preaching the gospel in his own famous fiery style, <sup>all</sup>  
<sup>round the world.</sup>

1 Today his engagement ~~was~~ was announced to Alice Shaw, a twenty-

six year old music teacher. The preacher to perform the

ceremony will be the bridegroom's son, whose age is fifty.

It sounds like a marriage of Methuselah and Naomi.

~~(check on Naomi and see if she was young)~~

ROOSEVELT.

The President did his cornerstone laying today in fine style and gave his blessing to the Federal building at New York World's Fair. The F. D. R. remarks were replete with felicitations, and went on to affairs international. Speaking of the educational aspect of the World's Fair, the President denounced those forms of Government which suppress freedom, culture and education. He ~~didn't mention~~ didn't mention any nations by name, but you didn't have to guess hard, especially when he spoke against such cultural suppressions as - the burning of the books.

JIMMY ROOSEVELT.

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All sorts of talk has been ~~stirred~~ stirred up by that Saturday Evening Post article called -- "Jimmy's Got It". And today there are denials. I haven't seen any denial from Jimmy Roosevelt himself, but one of the figures named in the Insurance story steps up with an emphatic "No". One angle mentioned in connection with the reports of big money made by the President's son in the Insurance business, is that his name has been used by Insurance salesmen - they putting on the selling pressure by inferring that taking out insurance might be of political advantage. One of the men named was Roger S. McGrath, an Insurance agent of Portland, Maine. He is described as having used the name of Jimmy Roosevelt in soliciting the Insurance business of an Iron Company. This today he denies saying that he never ~~used~~ used his acquaintance with James Roosevelt as a selling argument in getting the iron works insurance business.

LEGION.

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Today the teachers gave a rousing cheer for the American Legion. The members of the National Education Association have been hearing Left Wing professors make bitter attacks on the organization of veterans. The teachers today enthusiastically repudiated these attacks. Daniel Doherty, National Commander of the Legion, addressed the meeting and struck back at the Left Wing professors. Referring to a monograph that harshly criticizes the Legion, he declared that Professor George S. Counts had a hand in it. Commander Doherty declared that professor Count is on record as an American advisor to a Moscow summer school linked with Moscow.

GLIDER

I'm afraid I've <sup>never</sup> ~~fully~~ understood the importance of the

art of gliding, although some air experts tell us its of

vital consequence, <sup>and it looks like great sport. Well,</sup> Over in Germany there are a couple of

glider adepts who are certainly convinced of the importance

of their art - sufficiently convinced to stay up in a glider

for twenty-one hours and two minutes. And thereby Erick

Meyer and Franz Schneider set a new world's record for a

powerless flight. The previous record was fourteen hours,

less than ~~two~~ two-thirds of today's <sup>record</sup> time. Two men riding on

the breeze for twenty-one hours <sup>--- surely</sup> - a remarkable thing to do,

~~if you feel like doing it~~ without power.

MURDER.

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A sensational murder mystery broke in Hollywood today. It happened so late that no word of clues, surmises or police theories have yet come through. North Wilcox Avenue is one of the busiest streets in the capital of motion pictures. There stands the Hollywood post office. And in front of the post office a car was parked today. It remained there for hours. Thousands of people passed it and never took a second look though there was a motionless man inside. Finally the Police took notice, and in the car they found the man to be dead, shot through the chest. <sup>R</sup> He was speedily identified as a motion picture actor, Kenneth ~~Gray~~ Gray. The Police say they found no pistol in the car, which indicates that it could not have been suicide -- must be murder. On the body a valuable diamond was found, an expensive watch, and a wallet with money. <sup>S</sup> So it wasn't robbery. <sup>R</sup> Studio records show that the motion picture actor Kenneth ~~Gray~~ Gray had been working steadily playing in pictures, until last Saturday. This meager information is all that comes to hand in the mystery of what appears to be a Hollywood murder, with the victim left in a parked car in front of the post office.

BASEBALL

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Today at Durham, North Carolina a son of a famous father was brought before the court, and held on bail. The father is Clark Griffith, of long time baseball renown as owner of the Washington Senators. The son is Calvin Griffith, manager of the Charlotte team of the Piedmont League. He's accused of committing assault and battery, not on an umpire - worse, on a safety director. The trouble happened at Durham, during a game between the local team and Calvin Griffith's baseball battlers from Charlotte. A Charlotte batter hit a hard grounder, and there was a close play at first. The umpire yelled - "out", whereupon the Charlotte team, led by Manager Griffith, swarmed on to the field with high indignation. The fans also ~~swarmed~~ swarmed on to the field, to take part in the melee. The melee was so violent that up came the safety director for the city of Durham. His name, appropriately enough, is ~~Melee~~ Melee Croom -- and there was Melee all over the place. The safety director, representing the majesty of the law, was bruised, battered - and spiked. And it certainly is a dickens of a melee when baseball players put the spikes to the safety



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director. When it was all over, Manager Griffith was under  
arrest, charged with assault and battery. They take their  
baseball seriously down there in North Carolina.

STREET CAR

The classic about selling the Brooklyn Bridge happened again today.

In Los Angeles a man named William Zion <sup>- from Iowa -</sup> complained to the police that two men sold him a street car on a ~~trolley~~ trolley line. Zion, with his biblical name, came from somewhere out in the country and in the big town took a ride on the trolley car. There two men told him about the trolley business.

58 1/2 They said that each car was owned by an individual, who got the nickels. They themselves owned one, which they'd be willing to sell - ~~at~~ price a hundred dollars. Zion thought it a good buy, so he forked over with a hundred, and they made out a bill of sale to the street car <sup>- street car</sup> number thirteen hundred and twenty four. All he'd have to do would be ~~to~~ wait until the street car of that number came along - and it was his.

59 So Zion stood beside the tracks and waited, waited a long time, Oddly enough, there really was a street car <sup>with that</sup> number, number thirteen hundred and twenty four, and after a few hours ~~it~~ <sup>along it</sup>

Mr. Zion came. ~~He~~ got aboard, went up to the motorman, and showed him the bill of sale. The motorman started to laugh, and kept on laughing. *I said S-L-U-T-M*