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SHIPS

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Tonight there's a story of two imperilled ships, and it's heavy with anxiety and discouragement. ~~But~~ Help is on its way, but under the greatest handicaps.

Today, two Norwegian sealers flashed a wireless distress call - they were sinking. ~~in~~ In the North Atlantic, three hundred and fifty miles off Greenland - hardy seal hunters in desperate need of rescue.

Their calls were picked up by two steamships of the American Scantic Line - plying between the United States and Sweden. But these two vessels were two hundred and seventy miles away, and a violent storm was raging. They changed their course and steamed at full speed to the rescue. But full speed was mighty little speed. Both of the rescue ships are heavily loaded and the storm is so violent they can't make more than six knots. They report, moreover, that they're having difficulty in keeping their direction - so violent is the lash of gale and sea.

So tonight on the wild bleak ocean between Greenland and the tip of Scotland, two shiploads of seal hunters are in desperate straits - and rescue so difficult and slow.

HINES

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In the Hines trial, District Attorney Dewey took a tone of severe logic today. ~~Prosecuting Tammany Leader James J. Hines,~~ He began his address to the jury with the manner of a logician, expounding <sup>a</sup> few syllogisms. His thesis was that ~~there~~ the Dutch Schultz twenty million dollar a year policy racket could not have operated without the help of James J. Hines - accused of being political fixer. Dewey referred to evidence that the police had been fixed, that things had been arranged for the policy mob. And he stated this conclusion: "Nobody else but Hines could be responsible."

From this attitude of a logician, Prosecutor Dewey went on to irony and ridicule, decrying the contentions of the defense and demanding a conviction.

## TAXES

Yesterday Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau said he thought Congress ought to look over the tax situation and eliminate such taxes as are a detriment to business. Today a congressional voice replied - sure, and let's have the Treasury Department help us. Chairman Doughton of the House Ways and Means Committee proposes that the Treasury shall cooperate with Congress, and begin an immediate study of the tax laws - to see what can be done to help business.

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PENSIONS

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Dr. Old-Age Pension Townsend has said - "I don't give a hoot for the opinion of economists." He told that to the Ways and Means Committee <sup>of</sup> ~~in~~ the House of Representatives.

Today ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> economist appeared at a hearing held by the Committee - Dr. Studenski, Professor of Economics at New York University. He expressed the opinion that the Townsend Plan wouldn't work. Neither that nor the general welfare pension plan - another scheme of paying incomes to the aged. The Professor said both theories were dangerous and if they were tried out our economic system wouldn't stand the strain. They would, in the Professor's words - probably collapse of their own weight.

That's the opinion of an economist, for which Dr. Townsend doesn't give a hoot.

## SCHOOLS

Cleveland is trying out a novelty - a novelty of education and radio. It concerns that latest thing in the radio world - facsimile broadcasting, the transmission of printed material by radio. On Monday there will be facsimile broadcasts of the day's lessons, the day's study, in four schools of Cleveland. The classrooms will get instruction, bulletins, maps and drawings.

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It will be a demonstration of the educational possibilities of a simplified facsimile technique developed in the R.C.A.-Victor laboratories, and it will be staged in connection with the Convention of the American Association of School Administrators.

Yes, radio is performing miracles these days. It can flash school lessons to millions of pupils simultaneously. The next step of progress will be to find some way to make the pupils <sup>the</sup> learn lessons.

Mary Picken.  
~~SCHOOL~~

The trouble with New York City is there are ~~any~~ always ten times too many things to do, too many places to go, too much to see. For instance, today I was supposed to be in three places at once, a luncheon which was a tribute to stars of the stage, with the brilliant Eddie Dowling, producer of the "White Steed" at his oratorical best, and at the annual Sportsman's Show at Grand Central Palace which is ~~drawing~~ drawing record crowds, and a luncheon at which a new school was launched ~~by~~ *she launched* Mary Brooks Picken. Today ~~got under way with~~ *she launched* a dream of her life time, a school to show the women of America ~~what~~ how to have more clothes, and how to wear them. Mary Brooks Picken, of course knows that American women are the best dressed in the world. But her ambition apparently is to make them the best dressed in the universe, assuming that there are lovely ladies on other planets, *making eyes at the* man in the moon.



DIET

~~Any author knows how important it is to begin a book in an interesting way. That first paragraph - it should be sprightly and entertaining.~~ Today I picked up a book called SENSIBLE DIETING, by <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ New York physician, <sup>a Dr.</sup>~~Dr.~~ William Engel. Now, you wouldn't think a book on dieting would have such a sprightly and entertaining first paragraph. You'd think it would

start out with vitamins and calories. But here's the way the ~~book~~ Engel book ~~on dieting~~ begins:- "The Queen of Hawaii,"

it says, "turned to her hostess, Queen Victoria and asked: 'Do you know, Your Majesty, that I'm related to you?'

"'Jolly, but how?' cried Victoria.

"'By blood relationship,' explained the dusky queen.

'My grandfather helped to eat your Captain Cook.'"

And that's the way the <sup>author</sup>~~book~~ starts out on the subject of dieting.

This same <sup>man,</sup>~~doctor Engel~~ who was a pioneer in the Hollywood diet of pineapple and lamb chops, told me one about a doctor friend of his. To <sup>him</sup>~~this doctor~~ came a ~~great~~ fat lady, and he told her - "Eat pineapple and lamb chops twice a day."

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She promised faithfully that she would. A month later she came back and she was fatter than ever, <sup>had</sup> put on about ten pounds. ~~The lady said~~ The doctor said, "Did you do as I told you and eat pineapple and lamb chops twice a day?"

"I did, doctor," she vowed.

"Did you eat anything else?" he demanded suspiciously.

"Nothing," she replied, "except my regular meals."

FRANCE

The French Chamber of Deputies voted today to recognize Franco - on Monday. That's the sum and substance of it, though the vote took the form of a parliamentary technicality. Premier Daladier told the Deputies that on Monday he proposed to recommend to the French Cabinet that the insurgent regime be recognized as the government of Spain. The French Cabinet is Daladier's Cabinet and is in harmony with his ideas on Spain - sure to agree on recognition. Today Daladier explained his ~~new~~ position bluntly to the Deputies, in these words - "It is in the interest of France to maintain good relations with the real government of Spain, which," said the Premier "is Franco's government."

The parliamentary opposition of radicals, Socialists and Communists countered with a demand for a full debate -- let the Chamber of Deputies talk it over, let the opposition have its say. This the Premier opposed and the question was put to a vote. Daladier won out, three hundred and twenty-three to two hundred and sixty-one. The vote, technically concerning the subject of debate, was in reality an official parliamentary decision to recognize

Franco on Monday.

And the same sort of news comes from London. As soon as the French action became known, the word went out that the British government will recognize the Spanish insurgent regime on Monday - join France in simultaneous action.

SPAIN

The Parliament of Republican Spain met today - in France. At any rate, it was a group of Spanish Republican deputies who have taken refuge in France and apparently <sup>intend</sup> ~~had~~ to remain there. They were called together by ~~President~~ Manuel Azana, the Republican President, and Diego Barrio Martinez, the President of the Republican Parliament.

Azana's purpose was to place before the deputies his resignation. Legally, he <sup>would</sup> ~~will~~ be succeeded by ~~Barrio~~ Parliamentary President Barrio - but this official refuses to accept the succession. He's in agreement with Azana that there's no use keeping on with the civil war. He supports Azana's opinion that the Republicans should surrender to Franco. So the two are taking action to terminate their government and <sup>to</sup> ~~and~~ announce that the Spanish Republic is at an end. They timed this to occur just as the French government acts to recognize Franco.

Meanwhile, Republican Premier Negrin and Foreign Minister Del Vayo are still determined to resist to the end - as Franco prepares to launch an overwhelming drive. One report is that the insurgents will <sup>begin</sup> ~~launch~~ an attack tomorrow.

FOLLOW  
~~XXXXXXXX~~ SPAIN

The United Press has just flashed a story given out by the Franco authorities of Barcelona. They say that Nationalist patrols today made a tragic discovery in a patch of woods near the French frontier. They found the bodies of forty-two persons who were shot by the Republicans, just before the final retreat into France. Chief among the victims discovered today are the Bishop of Teruel and the Colonel who commanded the Franc~~o~~ forces when Teruel was captured.

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~~This~~ story states that the Bishop of Teruel, after he was captured refused to make a statement that the Republicans were supporting religious tolerance, -- refused to broadcast this on the radio.

There have been many rumors about this ecclesiastic, <sup>and</sup> now it's found that he was shot by his Republican captors just before they ~~crossed~~ the French border. Such is the report from Barcelona.

HUNGARY

The news from Hungary today gives us a striking contradiction, two actions, one opposite to the other - like giving somebody a kiss and a sock in the nose at the same time. The

Budapest government today abolished the Hungarian Nazi Party, and *at*

*the same time*  
^ signed the anti-Communist pact, which ties Hungary formally to the

Rome-Berlin Axis. Crack down on the Nazis at home and sign up with the Nazis of Berlin. No doubt the two things were timed to occur together, with ~~a~~ view to the political effect - just some dramatized contradiction.

It would appear, however, that there is more appearance than reality <sup>in</sup> ~~to~~ the contradiction. Hitler's Germany doesn't seem to give a hang about the Hungarian Nazis and their suppression.

They were ordered to disband their organization, their property seized, their headquarters raided. ~~Even a subordinate organization which the Nazis of Hungary hoped to keep going was put out of~~

~~business~~ The Hungarian National Socialist Party has been a close imitation of the German original. Instead of Brown Shirts, Green Shirts were worn, <sup>and</sup> ^ the policies were a close counterpart of

German Nazi policies - including anti-Semitism. ~~yet the word from~~

POLAND

Anti-German riots continued in Poland today. At Warsaw, a huge crowd of students tried to march to the German Embassy. The police stopped them, and then they gathered before the headquarters of the Polish High Army Command, ~~and they~~ shout<sup>ing!</sup> "Lead us to Danzig!"

They were angry about Danzig because of anti-Polish incidents in that Free City, which is in dispute between Poland and Germany. At the University of Danzig German <sup>students</sup> put up signs saying - "No dogs or Poles allowed." Hence the anti-German demonstrations which spread throughout Poland today, with cries, "Lead us to Danzig!"



## IRELAND

There's a German training ship scheduled to get no enthusiastic welcome in Ireland, at least not from the Lord Mayor of Cork. The German ship is to pay a ceremonial call, and it was suggested that the Lord Mayor of Cork take part in the official welcome. ~~And~~ Today he said "No", he won't do it. The reason? - because of the way the Nazi newspapers wrote about the death of Pope Pius the Eleventh. His Lordship, the Mayor, expressed it in these words: "When the responsible German press termed the Holy Father a political adventurer, I cannot see my way to give any recognition to representatives of Germany."

The Nazis do seem to have a way of making themselves popular in a lot of different places.

POPE

Today we are told about the will of Pope Pius the Eleventh. He didn't leave much, indicates the official Vatican newspaper. There is mention of certain works of art and sacred objects. To whom does Pope Pius leave his worldly possessions? To his successor, the next Pope - ~~his~~ soon to be elected.

The most striking part of the will is the Pontiff's direction for the disposition of his body. He wrote: "I expressly wish my remains to be laid at rest next to the tombs of my dear venerated Pius the Tenth who gave me my post in the Vatican library." And the will goes on to direct that his grave shall be not far from the tomb of Benedict the Fifteenth - "who appointed me," says the late Pope, "to the See of Milan and who called me to the sacred College of Cardinals."

This part of the will concludes: "Many who have come to pray at their tombs, will also have perhaps a thought and prayer for their unworthy successor." So wrote Pope Pius the Eleventh in his last will and testament.

PRAYER

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For thousands *of Protestants* all over the world this was a day

of prayer, an annual occasion dedicated to prayer for peace.

And so from the bleak ice of the Arctic to the lush green of

the tropics, from the cathedrals of Europe to Christian

communities beside the temples of India, the prayer was raised --

Give Us Peace. *4 s-l- until Monday,*

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