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CARDINALS

Sixty-two venerable men today became prisoners, ~~but~~ prisoners of their own accord. The College of the Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church <sup>began</sup> started the conclave to elect the two hundred and sixty-second Pope, ~~of the Church~~. Clad in their stately purple mourning robes, the sixty-two marched in solemn procession into the place where the conclave will be held. It's a triangle of the Vatican bounded by the courtyards of St. Damasus, Marshal and Holy Office. There they'll stay behind sealed doors, the windows covered with whitewash, until a column of white smoke is seen pouring out of the chimney over the Sistine Chapel. That column will notify the world that the two hundred and sixty-second Pontiff, the successor to the widely beloved Pius the Eleventh, has been chosen by the College. ~~The personnel of the College was made complete~~

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The personnel of the College was made complete today when His Eminence, the ~~late~~ Cardinal of Boston, arrived in a swift motor car from Naples. Though two Popes have been elected since Archbishop O'Connell became Cardinal, this will have been

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the first time he has had a chance to help in the voting.

Tonight those sixty-two venerable gentlemen are literally incommunicado, completely cut off from the outside world, they and their secretaries and their attendants, some two hundred of them.

SPAIN

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A dark haired, big eyed lady <sup>took</sup> ~~grabbed~~ the center of the stage in Spain today. Her ~~polit~~ name is Dolores Ibarri. She is Vice-President of the Cortez, the Spanish Republican Parliament, and one of the most fiery Communist leaders. The Red partisans know her as "La Pasionaria", the impassioned one. She is making a last minute passionate effort to hinder the ~~settlement~~ settlement of the Spanish Civil War. Her impassioned statement was: "As long as we have an inch of ground left we will fight." Then she added: "We realize the gravity of the situation, but are confident in the masses. We know they won't surrender." We also have confidence in the world democracies and we believe there are still some who will aid us," *says La Pasionaria.*

As vice-President of the Cortez, she is <sup>now the top</sup> ~~the only~~ government executive left in that part of Spain which is still held by the Republican armies. <sup>And -</sup> She has offered to take over the presidency if they can't find a man ~~who is~~ willing to accept the

*The latest is that*  
job ~~Dr. Manuel~~ Azana threw over. ~~It has been offered to~~ Diego Martinez Barrio, President of the Cortez, ~~who is in Paris.~~ <sup>But</sup> *has been named. Although*  
~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> is in Paris and has said he ~~he declined.~~ <sup>wouldn't accept.</sup>

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There was a report that the struggling Republicans have  
grief in a new direction. There was a mutiny in the fleet, ~~at~~  
~~Cartagena~~. It was suppressed, to be sure, but not until several  
leaders had been sentenced to death by court martial. This report  
comes by way of ~~General~~ Franco's own radio station at Burgos.

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Today, Franco's government was recognized by President  
Vargas of Brazil.

PETAINE

A rather astounding report just came over the wire from Paris. It concerns the new Ambassador from France to the Nationalist Government of Francisco Franco. Premier Daladier's choice is none other than Marshal ~~Henri Philippe~~ Petain. Yes, the great veteran of the World War, <sup>foremost</sup> ~~the greatest~~ living soldier of France.

A question has been sent to ~~General~~ <sup>as to</sup> Franco whether the Field Marshal would be welcome at Burgos. There seems to be little doubt that he will. Franco and Petain are old friends. They worked together several years ago drawing up plans for the pacification of Morocco.

GOERING

Adolf Hitler's pal, Goering, banged the big drum today. As you know, the Field Marshal is among other things the Number One man of Germany's huge air fleet. It was to him that Hitler has given credit for the size and efficiency of that force. And today, Goering, as Commander-in-chief, was celebrating the fourth birthday of Germany's renaissance as the great air power.

The Field Marshall spoke to the whole country in a radio broadcast. The German air force, he declared, was the deciding factor in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Munich Conference, when Chamberlain virtually made Hitler a present of Czechoslovakia.

The most puzzling thing that Goering said was that it's the aim of the Nazi government to bring the German population up to a hundred million.

Their complaint at present is that there isn't room in Germany, even with the territory recently acquired, for eighty million Germans!

SAITO

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The body of the late Japanese Ambassador Saito will return in state to the land of the cherry blossom. It will be carried on one of Uncle Sam's warships. ~~President~~ <sup>Mr.</sup> Roosevelt issued an order today to the Navy Department from the cruiser HOUSTON, which is bringing ~~him~~ <sup>the President</sup> to Charleston. The order is to turn over <sub>1</sub> one of our heavy cruisers for this gesture of courtesy to Tokyo.

## DEBTS

Here's a suggestion for a method by which Great Britain and France and other countries might pay part of their war debts to Uncle Sam. The suggestion comes from two Republican senators, ~~of the United States~~, Lodge of Massachusetts and McNary of Oregon. They present the suggestion in the form of a resolution for the Senate. The idea is that the countries in default might make their payments in ~~the form of~~ raw materials, that is raw materials which we do not produce. In this way it is calculated that countries ~~should that~~ <sup>ing</sup> owe us money could provide at least part of the hundred million dollar emergency reserve of war materials which the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate has okayed.

Lodge and McNary likewise suggest that France and Britain might also make a partial payment by allowing Uncle Sam to use territory owned by Britain and France in the Western Hemisphere for defense purposes. They mention specifically islands in the Caribbean and the Pacific, and territory owned on the mainland of South America.

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HULL

Secretary of State Hull is dead against the notion of having a referendum <sup>on</sup> ~~of~~ future wars. He said the ~~laws of the~~ Constitution, which left to Congress the power to declare war, had been decided by the founders of the Republic after fullest deliberation. Then he added: "Needless to say, experience has proved the wisdom and practical judgment of the patriots and statesmen. This system has been successful over a period of a hundred and fifty years."

DEFENSE

( To fortify or not to fortify the island of Guam, that is still the question. The House of Representatives turned thumbs down. However, the Senators are not yet convinced.) The Naval Affairs Committee will call witnesses and hold a hearing before they decide whether to concur with the House. And that can't be done until the fleet manoeuvres are over and the high ranking admirals are back in Washington.

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The proposal to fortify Guam has one opponent to begin with. That's Borah of Idaho. Said he: "I wouldn't oppose the fortification of Guam if I believed it to be to the interest of national defense, but I have plenty of testimony from experts that it is not." Then he added: "To fortify Guam properly would ultimately cost billions and would utterly bankrupt the nation."

~~Later in the afternoon the argument became noisy and angry. There was a bitter quarrel between Republican Senator Bridges of New Hampshire and Democratic Senator Connally of Texas. Bridges brought the accusation that five copies of the~~

## PROPAGANDA

Foreign propagandists are spreading like microbes through the rank and file of our army and navy. That sounds like a sensational scarehead; actually it comes from the Acting Secretary of the Navy, Charles Edison. Foreign agents, particularly Communists, are so active that the law of the land at present is inadequate. So the Navy Department has drafted a bill which provides special penalties for people who are trying to arouse soldiers or sailors to disobey orders. "These agents," says Edison, "particularly Communists, are distributing, throughout the rank and file, literature of a nature subversive to the government. It urges the men to be disloyal and to disobey laws and regulations."

ALIENS

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The payrolls of the W.P.A. are being restricted to American citizens. Word comes from Washington that the Works Progress Administration has started rooting out all aliens from jobs. This is in accord with a clause written into the Relief Bill which appropriated seven hundred and twenty-five ~~million~~ millions. Senator Burns of South Carolina declared that there were as many as thirty thousand non-Americans on the relief rolls. The W.P.A. officials are now checking up the nationality and citizenship of everybody on the rolls.

LABOR

President Roosevelt's effort to establish peace in the labor world <sup>hit a snag</sup> ~~ran into a deadlock~~ tonight. The President of the American Federation of ~~the~~ Labor, <sup>Mr. Green,</sup> ~~Dear Billy,~~ had appointed Daniel Tobin, President of the Teamsters Union, as one of ~~the~~ a Committee to help make peace with the C.I.O. Tobin has all along been the principal advocate of peace within the A.F. of L. So it was natural that he should be one of the Federation's negotiators. But late this afternoon he declined to serve. He said: "Because of the enormous amount of work involved and innumerable wage contracts expiring in this large international union, it is absolutely and utterly impossible for me to serve as a member of the Committee."

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KANSAS CITY

This is extra

Out in Kansas City, Missouri, they're having another political flare-up, a purge a la Dewey. The grand jury has been busy investigating charges of <sup>certain</sup>~~naughty~~ doings in Kansas City and Jackson County. And now the jurors come in with no fewer than a hundred and ten indictments in two days. Among the hundred and ten indicted are three high-up lieutenants of Tom Pendergast, the Democratic boss of Kansas City's ~~family~~ machine.

HINES

A fresh sensation in the case of Tammany Leader Jimmy Hines! While the trial went on, an attempt was made to fix one of the jurors. A pretty clumsy attempt, from what the authorities say. ~~According to what was given out by District Attorney Dewey's office, it was about as stupid a piece of work as has been ever heard of.~~ Only today it was made public ~~with~~ that a man had been arrested of such a charge. <sup>Dist. Atty.</sup> Dewey says that this man approached the wife of one of the jurors, and told her that if the verdict favored Hines, it would be worth her husband's while.

The lady immediately notified Judge Nott, who presided at the trial. ~~Judge Nott notified the District Attorney. Not a word was said to the jury about this. The court and the District Attorney agreed that nothing should be done until the trial was over.~~ And now the man ~~who is~~ <sup>has been arrested.</sup> accused ~~of that stupid business is in the~~

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SALM

A New York judge heard a pathetic plea today. It came from a foreign count who told a pitiful tale of being without funds. And he implored the court to order his fourteen year old son to come to the rescue to the tune of thirty thousand dollars a year.

The foreign <sup>er</sup>~~man~~ of title is Count Ludwig Salm. His titles to fame are that he used to play a fair game of tennis and married an American heiress, Millicent Rogers. They have a fourteen year old son, who inherited ~~little matter of~~ two millions ~~odd~~ from Colonel H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil <sup>magnate.</sup>~~magnate.~~ The noble Count Salm asks that his son's guardians be ordered to give him twenty thousand dollars a year for himself, and ten thousand dollars a year to cover the costs of his son's annual visits. Also thirty-five thousand dollars for the lawyer.

*He says that since Hitler took Austria all of his estates have been confiscated.*

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KIDNAP

There's a sad ironic note in the solution of that Brooklyn kidnapping, I mean the snatching of four year old Michael Katz

who was ransomed for a hundred and eighty dollars. Two men are in jail tonight, charged with that kidnapping. <sup>And —</sup> One of them <sup>turns out to</sup> ~~was the~~

<sup>have been the</sup> best friend of the boy's father. He needed the money to pay off some personal debts that he owed to bookmakers and loan sharks.

When the boy's father heard this, he exclaimed to <sup>this</sup> ~~his~~ friend:

"But Charlie, you didn't have to kidnap my son to get that money out of me. I would have loaned it to you gladly if I had known that you needed it."

BLIZZARD

The folks in Iowa faced a tough ~~hard~~ job today.

~~They were~~ Digging themselves out of the snow. That blizzard  
<sup>which</sup>  
~~that~~ struck the corn growing state was the worst in three years.

Many schools have closed, <sup>and</sup> whole areas ~~in the country~~ are isolated,

~~and highway traffic difficult.~~ The work of digging out was made

all the harder by a terrific wind, ~~that at times attained the~~

~~speed of a gale.~~

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GALENTO

~~A bit of news from Miami Beach is going to make plenty of argument.~~ For ~~several~~ months, ~~many of the~~ fight fans have been calling for a match between Joe Louis and Two-ton Tony Galento. So now it's all arranged. They'll fight somewhere in the United States the latter part of June. So says Promoter Mike Jacobs. It hasn't been decided yet where the Brown Bomber will fight the Newark beer barrel. But the guessing is either the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds.

One of the most delighted persons in the country today <sup>apparently</sup> is Two-ton Tony himself. Says he, in his own eloquent words, "I'll knock dat bum out wid one punch!"

There's just one string to that fight. And it sounds like sad news for Tony. His manager announces, "No more beer, no more cigars, no more news pictures with beer. We got to change the picture." And says the capacious Tony, "Dat's right. I'm gonna be a clean liver from now on."

LOONEY

Out in Denver, Colorado, mental doctors have an unusual and interesting patient. He's a twenty-five year old man whose profession up to recently was that of washing dishes. He lost his job and thereupon suddenly started walking backward. He walked backwards all the way out into the street. <sup>This</sup> ~~In fact it~~ caused a crowd to collect. A cop was called, who stopped the man,

<sup>But he</sup> and turned him around. ~~He~~ continued walking backward. Again he was stopped and turned in the right direction. <sup>Again</sup> ~~Every time~~ he walked

backward. Not knowing whether the man had a screw loose or what was wrong, <sup>the officer</sup> ~~with him, the cop~~ took him to the hospital.

There the physicians pronounced him a rare case.

And their explanation sounds more curious still to us, ~~laymen~~

The malady that makes that ex-dishwasher walk backwards is a maladjustment of the inner ear. In every other respect, they

found him physically healthy. The shock of the loss of his job

had afflicted him with a frustration. This <sup>now</sup> ~~manifested~~ <sup>S</sup> itself in

<sup>causing him to walk</sup> ~~walking~~ backward. And the ~~psy~~ psychiatrists at Bellevue Hospital,

<sup>9.</sup> here in New York, inform us that almost anybody is liable to behave the same

way as that Denver dishwasher after undergoing a severe mental or physical shock. It isn't fatal, <sup>and</sup> can be cured with rest. <sup>All of this</sup>

shocks me so much that I'm walking out of here backward - and e. l. u. t. m.

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