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DROUGHT

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Last night we had an ominous picture of the western drought, a blazing dry spell, burning and withering the crops beyond the Mississippi - the wheat crop threatened with ruin. That dark news was relieved by only one small touch of brightness, a late report of rain in some few drought stricken places.

Tonight, we find that touch of brightness expanded to cover nearly all of the immense area of burning dryness. But the word "bright" is ill-chosen -- not the brilliance of sunshine the burning beams of day, but the darkness of clouds covering the sky, and the wetness of rain falling in a prolonged drizzle.

TR The Weather Bureau uses the term - "Good Rains." Meaning, no sudden, wild downpour to wash things away and run off the land quickly in swollen torrents. Not that - but medium, steady, ~~continuous~~ ^{drenching} rain, soaking deep into the dry soil, seeping into the thirsty roots of the standing crops. In every section of the immense Canada - to - Mexico drought area, it is raining tonight -- except in sections of North and South Dakota and Montana. TR East of the Mississippi, in the Ohio valley -- the

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Weather Bureau says there'll be showers tonight and tomorrow.

Last night those first signs of rain came to a climax with a flood in Texas. Today, in the valley of the San Marcos River, they made a record of the damage. It was a sudden, overwhelming flood. Ordinarily, the San Marcos River in July trickles weak and weary over a clear, rocky bed, winding through fringes of live oak and mesquite - on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. But this July began with a roar of water down the San Marcos, and the flood raged far and wide. The property damage is estimated at a million dollars. It's cotton country down there, and the flood inundated an ~~immense~~ immense acreage. A score of lives lost -- mostly negroes and Mexicans, who live off the tourist trade, selling their gaudily colored pottery, and pink pottery pigs. That's the picturesque country which tonight is recovering from the flood.

MINE

Industrial wars can be bitter, with the ugliest of
enmities. Then the moment comes, when human life is at
stake, the peril of death - and harsh antagonism can be
forgotten.

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One of the outstanding cases of industrial war in this
country right now, is in the coal mine section of Pennsylvania.
The point of contention is bootleg mining. Unemployed coal
diggers settle down as squatters on mining property that isn't
being worked, and take the coal out. Frequently, they are
tolerated by the local authorities, and the big mining
companies can only rage. They protest wrathfully that they
are being plundered by the bootleg miners, that millions of
tons of coal are taken annually from their properties by the
illegal diggers. It's a fight full of anger and recrimination.
Yet angry recrimination can be forgotten when the moment of
peril comes - that heart tugging moment so well known in the
black pits, a cave-in, a shaft tumbles down, and a miner is
trapped. Then the only word is -- rescue. Bootleg or no

bootleg - rescue.

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Today, there were familiar scenes at the North Mountain Mine near Shamokin, Pennsylvania. An anxious crowd gathered around the entrance of the shaft. Its a bootleg mine. The property belongs to a big company, but is illegally worked by a group of unemployed miners. A bootleg miner was trapped below, deep in the dark shaft. In the crowd that waited and worried were relatives, friends, comrades. Also - officials of the regular legal mines.

Two bootleg miners working below, father and son, Kulshinskie by name. Getting out a load of illegal coal, rolling it out in wheelbarrows, the cave-in came. The roof of the shaft gave way, and tons of rock and dirt came tumbling down. Father Kulshinskie was ahead with his wheelbarrow. He was able to stumble and stagger and get clear. But the son was pinned by the cave-in, was caught between the shafts of his wheelbarrow and overwhelmed. He can thank his wheelbarrow for his life, because he was forced under it and had a space in

which to live and breathe. There he was, buried alive, with his wheelbarrow for a tomb.

The rescue was prompt and swift, the usual frantic drive to reach the trapped miner - frantic, yet ~~with~~ with all skill and care. The rescue crew had the best of equipment and did its work well. That rescue crew was provided by the Superintendent of one of the licensed companies, which had been waging the sternest war against the bootleg miner. Today, the younger kulshinskie was ^{finally} taken from his wheelbarrow tomb, alive, but seriously injured. An ambulance rushed him ^{to} the State Hospital. ~~to recuperate.~~

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REPUBLICANS

The Republican campaign is starting in a big way -- three floors big, one hundred and sixty rooms big. That's the magnitude of the campaign headquarters in Chicago. The formal opening will be celebrated tonight with a dinner to John Hamilton, the Republican National Chairman. The spacious headquarters are in Chicago's large Michigan Boulevard Building, (up-to-date all along the line -- with everything from elaborate offices to a swagger men's club.) The Waldorf in N.Y. of course has been their eastern headquarters for some time.

As for the Democrats -- the President conferred with party leaders and -- Mrs. R.'s said she would take no part whatever in the campaign.

TENNIS

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On Monday night, when J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the G-Men, and Courtney Riley Cooper, the author, substituted on the air for me - Riley had a tough time with the name of a woman tennis star playing in the championships at Wimbledon. He tangled up those Polish consonants in terrific fashion. That unpronounceable name put him on the spot. Tonight, I'm on the spot, the same spot. Let's see if I can do any better with that name. *Jed-res-off-ska* It's Hadwiga-Jedrezowska - maybe that's worse. Let's cut the Gordian Knot by saying - the Polish girl. Our own Helen Jacobs of California had a battle of racquets with the Polish girl today, and won a flashing victory. That drops the Polish girl out of the running and raises Helen Jacobs to the finals. Only she and Holda Sperling of Germany, who won her game today, are left to fight it out for the championship. They'll do that on Saturday, and determine who's to be crowned as the First Lady of Tennis.

GUESTS

Three distinguished authors have just dropped in the studio to say hello. I will not ask them to make any speeches; but I will ask one of them for his interpretation of an important item in the news. The three authors sitting around me are:-

Lyman Beecher Stowe, grandson of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin", and ^{nephew} ~~grandson~~ of Henry ^{Ward} ~~Ward~~ Beecher.

Many of you will recall that Mr. Stowe, two years ago, wrote that fascinating book entitled: "Saints, Sinners and Beechers." The second author sitting here is Mr. Henry W. Philips. And the third: Carveth Wells of exploration, writing, lecturing and radio fame.

Carveth, the ^{news} papers of the land ^{today are} ~~during the past twenty-four~~ ~~hours have been~~ telling us about the opening of the new Pan-American highway. The stories have proclaimed it a veritable automobile boulevard from Texas to Mexico City. You are just back from Mexico. Did you see ^{any} ~~anything~~ of that highway? Is it a boulevard? And, should I advise folks to fill up with Blue Sunoco and make the trip? You are famous as a debunker. But, I suppose there is ^{noth-} ~~any~~ thing to debunk about such a grand and glorious thing as the Pan-American Highway.

CARVETH:-

Ha ha, I'm afraid there is, Lowell. ~~I wouldn't~~
~~advise anyone to hurry about making that trip.~~ When my wife
and I came through, the road was so narrow we scraped a lot
of paint off both sides of the car. But, I must say this:-
In all my travels up and down the earth I have never seen
anything more spectacular than one sixty mile stretch of that
highway. At times you are up at an altitude of nearly ten
thousand feet. There ~~was~~ ^{when we were there} no retaining walls, and if you went
over the side instead of your car rolling end over end into the
valley below it would pitch straight down for several thousand
feet. It's the wildest, most hair-raising automobile road
that I know of. And when they actually have it completed it
will be worth traveling thousands of miles to see!

I can't tell you tonight, ^{much} about the desperate state of affairs in Southern China. ^{This} ~~is~~ is not only because Canton, the Southern Capital, is surrounded by censorship, but also because of trouble between the authorities of Canton and the newspapers of Hongkong. Most of our news from the far south of China comes from the British controlled Port of Hongkong, ^{on the Ladrone Islands.} But Canton has ^{even} ~~been~~ ^u ~~shitting~~ off that news. ^{ff} The latest is that they, ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Cantonese -} have arrested two messengers carrying news dispatches ^{from China to} ~~for Chinese~~ papers ^{over} ~~at~~ at Hongkong. The editors at the British-controlled port have protested. The Canton authorities reply that they won't let news go through unless the press at Hongkong prints the masses of anti-Japanese propoganda they are sending out. But the Hongkong papers can't ^{afford to} print that propoganda at least not the more violent inflammatory parts of it. Because Hongkong, ^{— or virtually so —} run by the British, is neutral ^{and} and the papers there are not allowed to take sides in the agitation for and ~~xx~~ against Japan.

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These complications give the reason why ~~xxxx~~ we are left pretty much in the dark about the reign of terror that is said ^{at the booming city of Canton} to exist ~~at Canton,~~ ^{tonight.} The military dictatorship there is

reported to have executed scores of persons said to be members of the Blue Shirts, China's Fascist organization. And more than two hundred are rumored to have been arrested and thrown into prison.

The reason for the stroke of terror against the Blue Shirts is this -- China's Fascist organization is sponsored by the Central Government at Nanking, run by Chiang Kai-Shek. ^NCanton is in a state of war with Nanking, the Southern Government demanding that the Central Government shall join up in a war against Japan. But evidently Nanking has considerable support in the Southern provinces. Chiang Kai-Shek's Blue Shirts must be powerful in Canton's own territory, because we hear of secret ^{is}trials and summary executions -- a Canton reign of Terror against the Chinese Fascists.

It's all because Nanking won't yield to the demand of Canton and declare a national ^{wide of china} war against Japan. But at the same time we hear that Japan will not allow Chiang Kai-Shek to put down the anti-Japanese movement in the Southern provinces.

Tokyo won't let the Central Chinese Government crush the Canton drive for a war against Japan. That sounds ~~off~~ odd. The explanation, as we hear it, is that Japan does not want the Central Government to gain control of the South. Tokyo wants China to remain disorganized and in a state of civil war -- ^{thereby} ~~which~~ ^{ing} gives to Japan more and more of a chance to strip ~~the~~ ^{and} ~~its~~ ^{lost} possessions of the sprawling Chinese giant.

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Today was an important occasion for the Japanese puppet state of Manchukuo -- a treaty went into effect, the treaty between Tokyo and the Government of His Imperial Majesty, Kang Teh. This treaty has a considerable meaning for other nations. It concerns the principle known as extra-territoriality, according to which foreigners in China are not subject to the legal jurisdiction of the Chinese authorities. In cases of trouble ^{foreign} Nationals are responsible to their own diplomatic representatives. In the treaty made between Japan and the state she created in Manchukuo, Tokyo renounces a large part of those extra-territorial rights. Japanese in Manchukuo have the same ~~same~~ status with the Native population.

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The point is that Manchukuo now intends this same idea for all other foreigners. The Government of His Majesty, Kang Teh, is annoyed by the refusal of the Western Powers to recognize the seizure of Manchuria and the setting up of the puppet state. So Manchukuo now plans to hit back by depriving Europeans and Americans of their extra-territorial status. This is announced by the Foreign Minister of Manchukuo. If it goes through, it will put ^{all} the white men under the jurisdiction of the Manchukuan courts, subject to the same judgments and penalties as the natives. ~~And that is~~ a thing to make Europeans and Americans feel exceedingly uncomfortable.

POPE

The Vatican has ordered a world-wide censorship of motion pictures. There is something singularly universal about that, in this day of intense nationalism and rigid jealousy of national boundaries. In every land the Catholics are enjoined to set up an organization to pass on the films and black-list such as are considered to be indecent and improper. The Papal Encyclical is titled -- "Vigilant Care." It calls for vigilant care to be exercised in motion picture entertainment. Pope Pius stresses the importance of the movies as a force for good or evil.

All of this is exceedingly American in origin -- as the Papal Encyclical points out in detail:- "The cinema producers of America themselves", writes Pope Pius, "became concerned over evil movies in nineteen Thirty and issued a code according to which they promised to abstain from the production of films ~~which~~ calculated to demoralize or bring discredit to natural or human law. ^{TP} "However, in point of fact" the Pope continues, "they proved themselves scarcely able to put it into

effect. For this reason the American Bishops felt themselves called on to intervene and organize the faithful into a Legion of Decency. This campaign succeeded in raising the moral level of the films, and in the process in no wise inflicted damage on the industry." *So says His Holiness.*

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So -- today's decree from the Vatican merely extends the American Legion of Decency to the whole world -- with Catholics everywhere called upon to pledge themselves to stay away from films that are deemed immoral.

It is believed that the Papal Encyclical comes as a result of a visit to Rome by Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia, founder of the Legion of Decency. Recently Cardinal Dougherty passed a month in Rome, leaving for home only a week ago. He had several conferences with the ~~ex~~ Pope in which he presumably reported on the campaign for cleaner movies in the United States. There is no doubt that the Legion of Decency campaign has had a large effect in Hollywood. Now it is extended to effect the world market for films -- which will have a further meaning for everybody who makes motion pictures or looks at them.

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And now let's all go see one of those nice clean Hollywood movies -- and s-l-u-t-m.