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RUSSIA

A sensational report comes from Russia. The Soviet government has let out a roar about a gigantic international plot to overthrow the Bolsheviks. And they are not merely talking. According to the United Press, eight prominent Russian professors and engineers have been arrested as ring leaders supposed to be plotting within the borders of Russia. And according to the International News Service, seventy Soviet engineers have been arrested -- and some are said to have been executed already. More than 2,000 in all are accused. The Associated Press states that the head of the plotters in Russia has confessed, and that he names world prominent figures as leaders in a gigantic world wide scheme, to overthrow the Soviets. Among those named are former President Poincaire of France; the French Foreign Minister Briand; Sir Henry Deterding, the oil magnate; and Winston Churchill, the English statesman. Curiously enough, the mysterious Lawrence of Arabia is also dragged in. The Bolsheviks say that Lawrence has a prominent part in the plot.

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But then Lawrence is a mystery man and they are blaming him for all sorts of things these days.

Moscow also accuses the French General Staff of being the arch villain of the piece. They say that Russians who fled in the early days of the Russian Revolution have been laying deep and dark schemes with the French and they say this plotting has been going on for several years, now. Plotting what? Well, the plot, so Moscow says, is for Poland, Rumania Latvia and Esthouia to declere war on Russia. Then thousands of white Russians from all over the world are to rush to arms, and mobilize in Poland. Next there is to be an invasion of Russia by the Poles and White Russians under the command of the French General Staff. Meanwhile, counter-revolutionists are to start an uprising inside the borders of Russia. That is the plot Moscow claims to have uncovered.

~~The Associated Press states that~~ the professors and engineers who have been arrested are charged with concocting plans to cripple Soviet industry and military operations. Even military officials in the Red Army are said to be

1 involved. Meanwhile, in Paris, a
2 spokesman for the French Foreign ~~Ministry~~
3 Office told the United Press that the
4 whole story is absurd. However, there
5 seems to be something like a new reign
6 of terror ^{in progress} in Russia, I mean with all of these
7 arrests. That's sinister news for
8 such an occasion as today.
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ARMSTICE DAY

A few more hours, and another Armstice celebration will be only a memory. Great Scott, how those twelve years have flashed by. I suppose the most of you can remember Armstice Day back in 1918 almost as vividly as though it were last week. I know I can. Just by accident I happened to be in about the most interesting place in the world that night. I had just come down to Paris from the Argonne, and no city on earth ever went quite so wild as Paris did twelve years ago. The French people seemed, well just about insane with joy. And no wonder. The American soldiers were the lucky lads that night. Every doughboy was kissed by every girl in sight. Oo la la. What a night! What a sight!

There have been the usual parades here in America today, and in a score of other countries. Everything went off quietly so far as I can make out from the news dispatches, except for one insignificant few minutes of trouble out in Ohio where some Legionnaires swooped down on a grocery store that refused to pay any attention to the holiday.

Oh yes, and there was a team of horses that had a rowdy ~~in~~ celebration today.

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HORSE SHOW

They've been having a horse show in New York, a big society event. And today something unusual happened. A team of work horses, ordinary plugs, hitched to a wagon, was standing outside the ring. Then that team bolted, and tore into the ring, and did a wild Ben Hur. Around and around that runaway team went, while aristocratic humans and aristocratic horses scattered wildly out of the way.

They stole the show, those old plugs did. But

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1 ~~over~~ in London, it was three
2 elephants who stole the show--and the
3 Lord Mayor's show, at that. The parade
4 when the Lord Mayor takes office is one
5 of the big spectacles of the year. ~~in~~
6 ~~England~~. There were three elephants in
7 the section of the procession representing
8 India, and up ahead was a group of college
9 students with a dummy lion on their
10 shoulders. The elephants saw the lion *and I*
11 ~~and~~ ^{guess they} thought it was the real thing.
12 Trumpeting with rage, one elephant
13 seized the lion with its trunk, and then
14 charged the crowds of spectators. A few
15 people were bruised in the stampede.

16 *And there was a stampede*
17 *in New York -- in a courtroom.*
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Gene Tunney ~~has~~ won another big fight. I mean a big lawsuit. This afternoon, according to the International News Service, the referee of the bout -- the jury, I mean -- said he won't have to pay that half million. You will recall that Tim Mara, a sports promoter went to court with a contract in which Tunney agreed to pay him a percentage of the purse of the first Dempsey-Tunney fight, also a percentage of Tunney's earnings afterward, if he won the championship. Tunney admitted that he made the contract, but said it had a meaning only if Mara pulled political wires and arranged to have the fight in New York. But the fight had to be held in Philadelphia. The trial was interesting. It showed how the fight game is tied up with politics. Gene exchanged punches -- repartee, I should say -- with the attorneys. He was always there with the right hook -- the right word, I mean. Anyway, it's all over and Tunney's opponent took it on the chin and has been counted out -- I mean he lost the case.

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But here's the most interesting item of all about the trial. The New York Evening Post says that when Tunney left the court it took four policemen to pull him through the applauding multitude. It was about the first taste of real popularity he has had since his second bout with Dempsey. The crowds have resented Tunney's social aspirations, adds the New York Evening Post, but the general feeling was: "Come home, Gene. All is forgiven."

And today another young American had a stroke of good luck. He got a big round medal.

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LINDBERGH

The Legion of Honor ^{has} added to the list of its members the youngest man who has ever held the rank of commander in that famous French order. He is Charles Augustus Lindbergh. Very few men, ~~says the New York Telegram,~~ receive the rank of commander in the Legion of Honor before they are fifty. But Lindbergh isn't thirty.

And here's another one about an aviation celebrity.

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CIERVA

Have you heard of the autogyro, that weird affair that is almost like an airplane but not quite? I mean the contraption that will go right into the air without any long run, and then drop right down and land safely in your back yard? Well, a Spaniard invented it. His name is Juan de la Cierva, and he arrived from Europe today. Four autogyros flew up to New York from Philadelphia, and then buzzed out over the harbour to meet the ocean liner. The sight of these queer looking aircraft attracted a flock of big army observation planes from Mitchell Field. They flew in formation over the autogyros, so all in all it was a pretty impressive welcome for Senor Cierva. He told the crowd of ship reporters that the British air ministry is experimenting with 20 of his ships, and expects to adopt them for use in the army and navy if they prove satisfactory.

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RED CROSS

Every newspaper in the U. S. A. and every Press Association is carrying an item tonight of interest to every American. We may have conflicting ideas about many subjects. That's natural and healthy. But it seems to be pretty generally agreed that we are all for the Red Cross. Well, the Red Cross Society is starting its annual roll call. This week it makes its annual drive for membership and funds, and this year that roll call is more important than any other year since the World War. This is because of rather widespread economic distress. The Red Cross need funds to help out hosts of people these days. President Hoover made his appeal some days ago, and now Ex-President Coolidge adds his voice. Says Mr. Coolidge: "We have no greater instrument of peace, friendship and good will." Well, here's hoping this year's Red Cross roll call will be the biggest in history.

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RIO

Now comes a last echo of the late trouble down in
Brazil.

Twelve prominent figures in the old regime were given
their walking papers today. They were put on board a steamer
headed for Europe and they were politely requested not to come
back to Brazil. The International News Service adds that a
lot more will soon follow them into exile.

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LOWRY

In Mexico City Edward P. Lowry, second secretary of the American Embassy, slipped on a stairway. He fell over a bannister and down three stories, and was killed. And that's an ironical tragedy because Lowry was a famous soldier of fortune. The New York Evening Post tells that his life had been one series of narrow escapes. In the Philippines bolo men slashed him until he was almost dead. In Persia he was a major of the native police, and dodged death while rounding up rug thieves. He survived the bullets and shell fire and poison gas of the World. Then he was a Colonel in the Lithuanian army, and played a dangerous hand in skirmishes with Poles and Bolsheviks. And now, a prosaic slip on the stairs, and his adventurous career comes to an end.

The United Press sends us a last minute flash that T. Colmen Dupont, former Senator from Delaware, passed on this afternoon. He had been ill for several years.

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NEWS ITEM

Ahoy mates - this next one is a story of the sea. So light your pipes and I'll spin you a yarn. Ever since I was a youngster I've read sea stories. And I've written a few yarns about old salts. But here comes the New York Evening Post with a story of shipwreck that is as refreshing as a north wind. I'm passing it on as the News Item of the Day.

The passenger liner Aztec put into New York today and she had aboard a crew of shipwrecked sailors from a sailing ship named the Dunham Wheeler. With them was their skipper, Captain J. A. McIver, a grizzled old salt of nearly seventy. He told the story.

The Dunham Wheeler was a big five-masted schooner, the largest windjammer in the coastwise trade. She was bound from Venezuela to New York, and off the coast of Florida she ran into one of those storms of last week. The topsail was blown away, and then the mainsail went. After that there was nothing to do but cast anchor, and try to ride out the gale.

1 Then the seams opened, and the ship began
2 to go down by the bow. The Dunham Wheeler
3 was foundering, when the Aztec appeared.

4 Old Captain McIver's eyes sparkled,
5 as he told about his crew. Were they
6 heroic? They were not. He explained to
7 the reporters that he knew how to handle
8 men. ~~and~~ ^{They} he opened a hand bag and ~~took~~ ^{showed them}
9 ~~out~~ ^{that he always had handy,} a marlinspike. There was no mutiny,
10 he said, but he could get only two men to
11 carry out his orders. The rest were
12 scared to death. When the Aztec came to
13 the rescue, she put out lifeboats. And
14 the crew of the Dunham Wheeler were so
15 anxious to get into those lifeboats that
16 they all fell overboard. "I was the only
17 man who didn't get wet," says Captain
18 McIver.

19 Well, they were all fished out, adds
20 the New York Evening Post, and everybody
21 was happy, except the old skipper. Aboard
22 the Aztec he spent his time swearing at
23 his men, and when the news photographers
24 wanted him to pose in a picture with his
25 crew, he backed away snorting, and said

1 he'd shiver his timbers before he'd be
2 seen in a picture with those lubbers.

3 It's refreshing indeed to hear a
4 sea yarn occasionally where they act ~~ed~~
5 like human beings and not like story
6 book heroes.

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Ah, here is one about a real hero.

From Kenora, Ontario, comes a tale about a dog's faithfulness. Joseph Chapleau and his dog and three companions went on a hunting trip, about a week ago. Their coats and blankets have been washed ashore, says the Associated Press. No one knows just what happened, but the dog still keeps watch where his master's coat was found. The faithful animal refuses to move from the spot.

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GERMAN GIRLS

Mathematical experts over in Berlin have at last figured out how much a girl is worth -- that is, her money value as a worker. According to the United Press she is worth ten thousand dollars if she is fifteen-years old, and only \$9,200 when she reaches the spinster age of 30. Well, those German scientists find curious ways of keeping busy these days.

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WEDDING

And here's a story book wedding. A chauffeur and an immigrant servant girl out in Chicago have just had a swanky society wedding. I mean the real thing, with a hundred wedding guests right out of the Social Register. The groom has been chauffeur for the last ten years for Mrs. Caroline Dawes Ericson, the daughter of former Vice President Dawes. When the chauffeur decided to marry an immigrant girl who'd just come ^{to} this country, General Dawes daughter told him she would have the wedding in her own home. The bride and groom invited all their friends, and Mrs. Ericson invited all her friends, and so gardeners and housemaids, and butlers and cooks, rubbed elbows with the millionaires who live on the Chicago North Shore Gold Coast. And, according to a ~~story~~ story from the North American Newspaper Alliance, a swell time was had by all.

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And From London comes ~~some~~ ^{a bit} more advice about marriage. Somebody is always telling us what married people should do to be happy. This time it's Eleanor Glyn, and she says that married folks should never stop courting each other. The moment they stop courting, unhappiness flies in through the window. Well, I suppose that idea of perpetual courtship is all right, although it depends on how it is done. Among us a man courts a girl by giving her candy and flowers. But out among the Chin tribes, in the Himalaya Mountains, in Burma, it's different. I lived with the Chins for a while, and among them a young man dances a sword dance around the girl. And he swings and whirls that razor-edged blade right past her ears. But of course he doesn't hit the girl with the sword. It's only to show his affection.

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you have a pleasant little sword dance around your wife
this evening.

GOOD NIGHT UNTIL TOMORROW.