

EUROPE

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Diplomatists all over the world seem to be agreed tonight that Hitler has pulled another trick out of the bag. What's more, he's getting away with it. He has broken through the ring, the so-called "sanitary cordon" that the old-time Clemenceau wove around Germany at Versailles. (Officially, the much dreaded anschluss, the union with Austria, has not been consummated. But, in its main intents and purposes, it is an accomplished fact.) The picture presented tonight is of a Fascist <sup>lineup</sup> ~~union~~ extending from the Baltic <sup>all the way deep</sup> ~~way down~~ into Africa, from the North Sea almost to the mouth of the Danube and the Black Sea.

(Late this afternoon came a fresh bulletin reporting a still more formidable rumor! - Hitler ~~is~~ not yet satisfied! Austrian Chancellor Schuschnigg has not gone far enough to please him in forming that cabinet with Nazis in the key positions.) He wants more, though nobody ~~yet~~ knows exactly how much. <sup>R</sup> The formal news from London is that Downing Street is, in official language, "gravely preoccupied." The belief is that Ten Downing Street will ask Berlin for official assurance that the Fuehrer is not

contemplating ~~that~~ anschluss. But the grapevine reports are that the next step will be a customs union between the Third Reich and Austria.

From Paris, reports contradict each other. A so-called spokesman at the Quai d'Orsay says France is not seriously worried. But a high-up French diplomat threw out the flat charge that Mussolini has deliberately broken his promise. He firmly undertook to protect Austrian independence. And now he has gone back on it. France's worry of course is, "What's going to happen to our ally, Czechoslovakia?" The country that used to be Bohemia is right under the gun, with no natural geographical formation such as a river or a mountain range to protect it against easy invasion from Saxony or Bavaria. But the word went further that France is helpless, can't do anything concrete or aggressive to protect its ally. And advices from Prague are that Czechoslovakia is nervously anxious to maintain friendship with Nazi Germany. It has reason to be nervous, if the story of a military expert in a Parisian newspaper is true.



He reported that Hitler had moved twenty German divisions, a formidable threatening force, to the Czechoslovakian frontier.

~~Hungary, for some time has been friendly with Berlin. With the political crisis still unresolved in Roumania, there seems to be nothing to impede Germany's way to the Black Sea.~~

Worry and anxiety of course are most acute in Austria.

The two thousand Nazi prisoners in concentration camps and jails have not been released yet. <sup>as</sup> ~~One~~ amnesty decree has to be

signed by President Miklas. For some unexplained reason, he

hasn't signed <sup>me.</sup> ~~it yet.~~ <sup>H</sup> But Everybody fears grave disorders, and

violent Nazi demonstrations, when those two thousand are set

free. Their number will be swollen by several hundred Nazis

who have been in exile <sup>from Austria into</sup> ~~in~~ Germany. ~~The Jews in Vienna, two~~

~~hundred thousand of them, are trembling in their shoes.~~

ESCAPE

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TROTSKY

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A curious fate seems to follow the offspring of Leon Trotsky, ~~the~~ <sup>pioneer</sup> exiled ~~founder~~ of the Bolshevik state. He had four children. Some time ago one of his daughters died in a Soviet prison. Two years ago another girl committed suicide in Berlin. His younger son, Sergei, is said to be seriously ill in a Soviet prison. Today his eldest son, Leon, died in a hospital at Paris. From all accounts, he was mentally ~~one of~~ the most brilliant <sup>of all</sup>, ~~the whole family~~, a graduate of the Sorbonne and a ~~most~~ proficient mathematician.



## ICE FLOE RESCUE

Tonight there's excitement throughout Soviet Russia.

(At six thirty-five this evening, Moscow time, a plane from the Soviet icebreaker MURMAN, landed on <sup>the</sup>~~an~~ ice floe ~~next to the~~  
~~one~~ occupied by the four North Pole scientists.

So it looks as though one of the most remarkable of polar expeditions is about to come to a happy end.) Papanin, leader of the floating castaways sent out a radio message this evening that everything is okay, all set for the plane to take the party their equipment, instruments and papers, to the icebreaker. It may take several hazardous flights to do it.

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This is the first direct contact with the outside world that those four Polar adventurers have had in ten months. Since May Twenty-First, their only communication with civilization has been by means of radio.

Now they face their final thrill, rescue, flights from that floating ice to the ship!

## WILKINS FOLLOW RESCUE

From Edmonton, Alberta, comes fresh news of another Arctic rescue expedition. Sir Hubert Wilkins began<sup>S</sup> another stage of his long effort to find the Arctic flyer, Levanevsky, and his five companions. The last time Sir Hubert and his pilot, Air Commodore Hollick-Kenyon, landed at Aklavik, their monoplane was damaged on the ice. Sir <sup>Hubert</sup> Wilkins had to fly south to procure parts to repair the damaged plane. <sup>Today</sup> <sup>He</sup> took off from Edmonton ~~today~~ in a ship of the MacKenzie Air Service Line, taking with him the necessary parts. The Soviet Government has commissioned him to continue his search for Levanevsky. This time in the desolate, almost inaccessible, mountain regions of Alaska.



## MAROONED

~~It seems weird to hear of an entire community in America~~  
~~forced to live on horse flesh. And it isn't because of the~~  
~~recession or the high price of beef. It's because a whole~~  
~~settlement in~~ <sup>Part of</sup> California ~~is~~ marooned by snows. At Glenbrook,  
near Tahoe City, four hundred people, men, women and children,  
have been cut off for a week. ~~They have~~ <sup>No</sup> other food but  
horse-flesh.

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Almost four hundred others are marooned at Tahoe City,  
Tuloc, Emerald Bay and Lake Forest. No mail has reached that  
district for seven days. ~~It's only the people of Glenbrook~~  
~~who are restricted to eating horse meat.~~ <sup>These</sup> The others have an  
<sup>And</sup> abundance of canned foods but no fresh provisions. <sup>And</sup> the only  
way they can get out is by skis.

## FLOOD

In the rich fertile San Joaquin Valley of California, there ~~is~~ was trouble, confusion and distress today. Flood waters have marooned whole valleys in more than three counties. Hundreds ~~of them~~ are crowded into small tent shelters, sitting hopelessly <sup>the</sup> in dreary mud and cold. The only way of getting supplies ~~to them~~ is by rowboat. The situation is aggravated because thousands of families flocked into that part of California from the dust bowl, hoping to find work picking cotton. *From dust to mud.*



## WHALE

Would anybody like a whale fifty feet long? If so, apply to R. W. Yeoman at Beauford, North Carolina. This huge sea mammal made its appearance off Cape Lookout, North Carolina. *Moby Dick* ~~he~~ appealed

to Mr. Yeoman and a party of friends as a sporting proposition.

So they went after ~~the~~ *Mr,* whale with rifles. It took a hundred shots

to kill him. After which they beached the monster. Not until

they had him beached, did it occur to them to ask: "Now that

we've got him, what ~~are we going to~~ *if we* do with him?"

~~What you might call~~ *a* whale of a problem.

## FIRST RADIO ADVERTISING

The other day, while at Stowe, Vermont, skiing on ~~the~~ and around Mt. Mansfield, a gentleman looked me up and told me a bit of radio history. He said that he was the first ever to use radio for advertising purposes.

His name, ~~is~~ F. M. Pike. Mr. Pike said that in October 1923 he heard a program on K.D.K.A. in Pittsburgh, a program ~~xxx~~ which pleased him so much that he sent a lot of boxes of Vermont maple sugar to the radio station asking that they be passed around to those who were in any way connected with the broadcast. Evidently ~~the maple~~ the maple sugar made a hit because the next time the same group came on the air they told all about ~~that~~ maple sugar. *a regular commercial.* Mr. Pike believes ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> was the first incident of the sort in connection with radio -- unless some of you can think of an earlier bit of advertising that was done over the air.

54 { In telling about this Mr. Pike had no motive other than to give me a bit of interesting information because he has long since retired ~~fr~~ from business.



## MINERS

In the country around Waco, Missouri, every mine was shut down today. Not a pick or shovel was swung, not a cage *below, to the shafts of lead & zinc.* went ~~down in the lead and zinc workings of that area.~~ A strike?

No. Those mines were closed so that the workers could join in the search for a missing boy. A twelve year old lad from

Pittsburg, Kansas, ~~had been~~ lost since Sunday night. It is

feared ~~that~~ he ~~might~~ have fallen in one of the open unmarked

*or stopes.* ~~mine~~ shafts, So the miners were released from their toil. ~~since~~

*search for*  
They ~~are~~ the best qualified to ~~find~~ the missing boy.

*they*  
At last reports ~~this elaborate search~~ had failed.

KENNEDY

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A new critic appeared on the horizon of Madam Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor. ~~It was~~ Joseph P. Kennedy, Chairman of the U.S. Maritime ~~Commission~~ Commission, soon to be our ambassador in London. He locked horns with Madam La Secretary, over the question of discipline in the American Merchant Marine. Madam Perkins had told the Senate Commerce Committee that the time was not ripe to settle labor troubles on American ships by mediation and arbitration. Said Chairman Kennedy:- "Madam Perkins is all wrong. Discipline at sea and the responsibility of the maritime unions has got to be established at the earliest possible moment. If not," he added, "the result will be fatal." And he declared further:- "If the maritime industry is not ripe for conciliation and mediation then it is over-ripe for ruin."



CONGRESS

There was much to do in both houses of Congress today. It's still about that big Navy program of the President's. Senator Borah of Idaho ~~today~~ took up the cudgels for a small navy. ~~THESESESESE~~ He accused our admirals of using ridiculous propaganda to incite our fears in order to promote a big <sup>one.</sup> ~~navy~~.

Republican Senator Vandenburg of Michigan joined the chorus <sup>calling</sup> ~~he calls~~ on President Roosevelt to explain his Chicago speech. He said: "Until there is an explanation forthcoming, the armament program remains an unnecessary conundrum."

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In the House, Representative Kniffen of Ohio said what we need is an amendment defining the naval frontier of the United States. In other words, Congress should outline a certain area and forbid the navy to operate outside <sup>it.</sup> ~~that area~~. This area should be bound by a line beginning at Bering Strait, from there to the western end of the Aleutian Islands, thence to Midway Island and Hawaii, thence to American Samoa, thence to Panama, thence to the Virgin Islands, and from there to the eastern extremity of the State of Maine. <sup>He puts Maine along with the Virgin Islands</sup> And he ~~says~~ said: "The

naval forces of the United States shall be used to maintain

and Samoa.

that frontier inviolate against all foreign foes, but in their ~~hostile~~  
hostile operations ~~shall~~ <sup>to</sup> not <sup>A</sup> go beyond the hundred and eightieth  
Meridian of Longitude in the Pacific Ocean, nor the Sixteenth  
Meridian in the Atlantic."

"But," he adds, "of course the historic policy of  
the United States as expressed in the Monroe Doctrine must be  
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~~m~~aintained."  
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## FILIBUSTER

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( It looks as though the administration senators would have to give up their effort to put through the anti-lynching bill. They had another vote today on the question of shutting down on debate, breaking that filibuster. ) The last time ~~that~~ was voted on, there were thirty-seven votes for cloture, fifty-one against. ~~As you know,~~ It requires a two-thirds vote for the senators to abandon their ancient privilege of unlimited debate. These eight weeks of filibustering in the Senate have acted like a log jam on the river. Necessary measures, such as the Appropriation Bill, have been piling up. So today Majority Leader Barkley called it to a vote again. ( And once more <sup>cloture</sup> ~~he~~, lost. ) ~~he had~~ Five more votes ~~on his side~~ than last time, forty-two in all. But <sup>a</sup> ~~that was a~~ long way from ~~being~~ the necessary two-third<sup>s</sup> majority. Every senator was in his place, and forty-six of them voted against the cloture.

( Senator Barkley virtually had to throw up his hands and admit ~~defeat~~ that the anti-lynching bill will have to be put on the shelf since there's no breaking ~~that~~ filibuster. )

CHEESE

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The most interesting senatorial contest today did not take place on the floor of the chamber. It was held in the Senate restaurant. In the air was not only oratory, but the odoriferous effluvia of toothsome cheeses, Brie, Camembert, *Bergamzola*, ~~cream cheese~~. There was even that much under-estimated and admirable article, known as plain American cheese.

The argument was between New York and Wisconsin. The New York senators, <sup>Doc</sup>~~Dr~~ Copeland and <sup>Bob</sup>~~Mr~~ Wagner, ~~had~~ given their colleagues a feast. "See what beautiful cheeses the State of New York produces!" said <sup>Sen.</sup>~~Mr~~ Wagner. And, as he nibbled on a cracker piled up with rich ripe Camembert, he proclaimed proudly: "The State of New York produces more Camembert than all other states combined and we are alone in America in the making of Brie."

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That aroused the local patriotism of Senator F. Ryan Duffy of Wisconsin. "New York is all right in an amateur way," said the Wisconsin Senator, "but I invite my colleagues' attention to the fact that last year six hundred and forty-two million, five hundred and fifty-one thousand pounds of cheese



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were produced in the United States. Of that total, the State of Wisconsin produced fifty-six per cent, more than New York and all the other states put together." Then he added: "Give me two weeks and I'll serve you with a cheese luncheon from the State of Wisconsin that the senators will never forget."

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Whereupon they all held their noses and said s-l-u-t-m.