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One of the leading <sup>lights</sup> ~~lines~~ of the Democratic Party today called upon President Roosevelt to tell the nation whether or not he seeks a third term. Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, is at the Golden Jubilee Convention of the United Mine Workers -- the president of which is John L. Lewis of the C.I.O. And Senator Wheeler asks the President to make his intentions known within what the Senator calls -- "a comparatively short time." ~~He said that the third term decision should be announced in the interest of the Democratic Party,~~ "Because, said he, " the longer the delay the more chaotic the situation will become with reference to the Democratic Party and the more confusion there will be in the party."

Senator Wheeler declared that he is opposed to a third term, but he added that if the president does run for another reelection -- he, Senator Wheeler, will support him. He said the president can be nominated if he wants to, but he might find it hard to be reelected. The Senator referred to the anti-third term <sup>tradition.</sup> ~~condition~~

<sup>said he,</sup> "Because of precedent," ~~it will be very difficult for any president to be reelected to a third term."~~ ~~He wouldn't go so far as to state~~

that a third term would be defeated this year -- refused to join John Lewis in predicting that if the president ~~will~~<sup>run</sup> does he will suffer ~~what~~ what Lewis called an ignominious defeat.

There's some surmise that ~~at~~<sup>at</sup> Columbus, John Lewis and the United Mine Workers ~~a~~ will endorse Senator Wheeler himself as a candidate. But there was ~~no~~<sup>little</sup> indication of this today. The senator addressed the convention, ~~but confined himself to discussion~~ on national policies. (He warned the nation not to let foreign affairs distract attention from domestic problems.) He said the war in Europe should not make us forget the fact that the paramount question affecting this nation is -- unemployment. Some think that his address might be meant to serve as a platform for seeking the nomination.

BOMBERS

There's an official denial of a story that American-made bombers are being flown across the Atlantic to the Allies.

The report was that the big planes had gone winging across the country. Then up to Canada and across to Europe. With French pilots aboard - French fliers sometimes taking their places at the controls, to become familiar with them.

The denial was made at today's White House conference, made by an official of the State Department who attended the President's interview with the newspaper men. ~~(We are told that~~

~~no foreign military aviators have had a hand in piloting American-made planes in this country, that the neutrality laws have been strictly observed in delivering air equipment for the Allies, and as for flying across the Atlantic - the planes manufactured for Great Britain and France have not been of that~~

~~sort~~ distance kind.

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## ENLISTMENT

Here's an important decision concerning Americans who enlist in foreign armies. Will they lose their citizenship? President Roosevelt today said - No. That is, if, in fighting a foreign war, they don't take any oath of allegiance to the country whose army they join.

There has been a good deal of confusion about Americans who go as foreign volunteers, ~~and~~ whether they can come back as American citizens. The President states that he has a legal opinion from the Attorney-General. The opinion - that it all depends upon whether or not the oath of allegiance to a foreign nation is taken.

This applies of course particularly to Europe, the Allies - and also Finland. More and more it would appear that units of foreign volunteers will aid the Finns to repel the Soviets, along the lines of the volunteer scheme that Mussolini used in helping Franco win the Spanish Civil War.

FLINT

Today S.S. City of Flint was in American waters. That battered and much storied American freighter passed the Virginia Capes this morning -- arriving home.

The craft is no giant shining Queen of the Seas. She's just an aging and shabby cargo boat. But the Flint sure ~~did~~ make history. (~~Sailing with goods for Britain, seized by the German pocket battleship Deutschland, taken by a German prize crew to the Soviet Arctic port of Murmansk, released by the Soviet authorities in control of the prize crew -- then the spectacular and hazardous voyage bound for Germany, until she was finally interned by the Norwegians. The City Of Flint had a long stay in the Norwegian harbor, then took aboard a cargo of Scandinavian iron ore for the United States.)~~

Well, she's back now and what's <sup>to be her)</sup> ~~her~~ <sup>ad</sup> next venture? The story ends with a let-down, ~~ix~~ the City of Flint is bound for the scrap heap. She's an old tub and dates way back to the frenzied shipbuilding of the World War. She's to be taken out of service and converted into scrap iron.

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SWEDEN

What about the news that Americans have been warned to leave Sweden? Is that Scandinavian kingdom in such grave peril of war? State Department officials made the explanation today that the warning was issued by the United States Minister to Sweden - on his own initiative. ~~American representatives abroad have the authority to use their own judgment in advising Americans to leave a country.~~ The State Department explanation goes on to say that the warning, merely reminded Americans in Sweden of the dangerous conditions existing in the Baltic area. It would be hard to get transportation through the Baltic if some emergency should arise. <sup>H</sup> A general word of caution - rather than any alarming indication of an immediate spread of war into Scandinavia.

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An Italian newspaper publishes a report of a plot against Red Dictator Stalin. It is described as - "a vast plot." The story is that the conspiracy was organized in the Soviet Ukraine, and was directed against the Kremlin government. A hundred and fifty high Soviet officials have been arrested by the OGPU.

This rumor is printed in the Roman newspaper edited by Gayda - ~~who is regarded as a~~ spokesman for Mussolini.

CZECHS

It was revealed today that two ~~of the~~ cabinet Ministers of the German controlled Province of Bohemia have run away to France.

*In* ~~the~~ the Nazi protectorate, the remains of what was once Czechoslovakia a cabinet of Czechs ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> trying to run the country <sup>(collaboration)</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>vibration</sup> with

the German Overlords. Apparently the Minister of Agriculture

and the Controller of Prices could <sup>not</sup> stand it any longer.

They ~~have disappeared~~ fled to France.



CANNON

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There's a rumor of a super-giant cannon - a ~~xxxxx~~ much bigger big-Bertha. The Germans are said to have built it - they go in for monster artillery. Rumors from Belgium say that Nazi artillery experts have been testing a huge gun capable of firing a hundred and fifty miles. It sounds incredible. The big Bertha with which the Kaiser's men shelled Paris during the World War hurled a projectile for seventy-five miles - and that was considered a miracle. The new type of cannon is ~~xx~~ said to have a barrel a hundred and ten feet long and will fire a six hundred pound shell with a muzzle velocity of five thousand, five hundred feet a second. That's more than a mile a second, sixty miles a minute, thirty-six hundred miles an hour - astronomical speed, for a distance of a hundred and fifty miles. Astounding - if <sup>true.</sup> ~~the rumor~~ is true.

BLACK-OUT

There's one thing rather terrifying in the news from Germany. Today, brought word of a series of persons condemned to death by the courts, and, executed. For what kind of crime? Various sorts of robbery are specified. Here's a typical instance, reported by the United Press in these words:- "Carl Ratzke was executed for snatching eighteen Marks from a fellow workman during a black-out." <sup>Eighteen</sup> ~~Eight~~ Marks, which amounts to seven dollars and twenty cents! A frightfully severe punishment.

Other days have brought similar accounts, giving the impression of a ferocious <sup>Nazi</sup> enforcement of law, comparable to the savage days of old, when an unfortunate might be hanged for stealing a loaf of bread. (~~Reminding us also of the laws of ancient Athens, imposed by the Law-giver Draco, those Draconian Laws which are a by-word -- death the penalty for almost every offence. Now -- Hitler's Naziland seems to be trying to out-Draco Draco.~~)

What's the reason for it? I wondered, until later in the day another dispatch came from Berlin, and it used the term - "black-out." The official Nazi news agency speaks of the following: "Gangsterism of the Wild West pattern spreading through cities

under the protection of darkness," it says. And ~~it~~ adds:-

"Citizens dare not walk the streets after dark for fear of their lives, and out of dread of murder."

The Nazi news agency applies this to London, and speaks of ~~xxxx~~ an English crime wave during the black-outs. But really the Hitler news agency is referring to the cities of Germany, because it goes on to defend the necessity of the severe penalties that are being imposed on criminals operating in the Nazi black-outs. ~~So that's why they'll execute a man for stealing seven dollars and twenty cents -- trying savagely to put down the black-out crime wave.~~

## UNITY

The news from England brings us a strange and moody use of the term - "blackout". That war-time expression, so characteristic in this present conflict, is applied to that harried and haunted beauty of the British aristocracy - the Honorable Unity Freeman Mitford. The word from London is that the once-radiant blonde, who is a friend and admirer of Hitler, is not to undergo an operation just yet. She's at the home of her father, Lord Redesdale, and ~~she~~ has a bullet in her neck. But the surgeons won't try to remove it until she has recovered somewhat from the malady that has beset her. To that malady the term "black-out" is applied. They say the Honorable Unity Freeman Mitford is suffering from a strange kind of mental ailment, an ailment which causes what they call - "temporary blackouts." Some sort of lapse of mind, a darkening of the conscience, a mental shadow which comes at times. ~~The physicians don't quite know what's the cause - they're trying to find the reason for those temporary blackouts.~~

We're still given no account of what happened to the Honorable Unity Freeman Mitford - whom Hitler called "the perfect Nordic beauty", we're told nothing save that she was in Germany



The general election in Canada is scheduled for either March the eighth or March Twenty-sixth. This was announced today by Prime Minister MacKenzie King. He said a study is being made to see which would be the better. "I should like to have the election before Easter," said he.

The Conservative Party doesn't like the <sup>election move</sup> ~~movement~~ made by the Liberal Government. Conservative Leader Dr. ~~R. B. B.~~ Manyon charged that <sup>Prime Minister</sup> ~~Premier~~ MacKenzie King is trying to get the people of Canada to make what he called, "a snap decision," ~~wants them~~

~~to make the decision, before they have a chance to find out the weakness of the present Ottawa government and its war policy, says he.~~  
~~The~~ ~~Conservative Chieftain~~ said it was an unfair and unsportsmanlike ~~trick~~. So it looks as if Canada were to have a lively election.

The Conservatives indicate the possibility of a coalition government of some sort. Their leader today promised <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ national government, which he <sup>described</sup> ~~acclaimed~~ in these words: "The very best brains obtainable among our people <sup>drafted</sup> ~~are needed~~ to serve in the cabinet."

To this Prime Minister MacKenzie King responds with the in-

inquiry -- "Who are the best brains? ~~The people," said he, "have~~  
~~a right to know who are the best minds in the country. They~~  
~~should be given the names of this mysterious ministry."~~

Yes, it looks like a free for all kind of election.

HINES

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A verdict was handed down today in the appeal of James J. Hines, the renowned Tammany leader convicted of complicity in the Dutch Schultz policy racket. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York today upheld the verdict against the veteran politician, the sentence of from four to eight years in prison. The decision was unanimous by the judges.

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At the same time, the Appellate Court ordered the removal of New York City Magistrate Capshaw. This judge was charged with improper proceedings in cases against the Dutch Schultz mob.

Jimmy Hines will try for another appeal. His attorneys announced that they will seek to take the case to the highest tribunal of New York State - the Court of Appeals.



## OPERA

Tomorrow will be launched the drive to save the Metropolitan Opera House of New York, and in this radio is taking a prominent part. At a performance of Lohengrin, David Sarnoff, President of R.C.A. will make an appeal to radio music lovers to send in contributions of a dollar or more.

The old financial arrangement under which the Metropolitan operated for so many years is being discarded -- has to be. There are really two companies -- the Metropolitan Opera House and the Metropolitan Opera Association. The former owns the big operatic theatre at Broadway and Fortieth Street, The latter, The Association operates it -- as the producing company. The operating association uses the house free of rent, with the proviso that the members of the owning company have possession of the Golden Horseshoe boxes. They represent Old New York society -- a Golden Horseshoe a kind of Social Register.

This arrangement worked a long time. During the boom years, Director Gatti-Gazazza<sup>+</sup> was able to make a profit, and piled up a surplus of a million<sup>+</sup> dollars. But when the depression days came, that million was wiped out, and the Met fell into financial troubles.

Now, things have come to a final crisis. This is largely because so many of the oldtime social figures have died, and their estates are administered by banks. Trustees of estates are not usually of a mind to meet such obligations as opera house charges.

Now the operating company is to buy the house. Price -- one million, seven hundred and seventy thousand dollars. They've taken an option which calls for the payment of half a million dollars, by May thirty-first. ~~That half a million has to be raised right away.~~ And, moreover, the Metropolitan wants to accumulate another half a million for a fund to fall back on. Hence the drive for a million dollars -- with the public asked to help in preserving the Metropolitan as a popular institution of music in America.

DOOLITTLE

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Tonight Major James H. Doolittle, one of the greatest of America's fliers, ~~in fact~~ one of the greatest airmen of all time, will receive perhaps the highest of the many honors that have come his way. Jimmy has been decorated by many countries; he has held important aeronautical posts; for years he has been known as "the flier's flier;" and tonight, in the presence of eight hundred leaders in the domain of ~~aviation~~ aviation, Jimmy Doolittle becomes President of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences.

Nearly every top-ranking aviation notable in the land will be on hand at the Waldorf for the great banquet at which Jim Doolittle will be honored, (honored not because he was the first man ever to do an outside loop, not because he was the first man in the world ever to make a blind landing in an airplane, not because he established so many records and won so many races in his high-speed planes, and not because of his tremendous popularity among aviation people in this and other countries.) He becomes the President of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences because for many years he has been

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recognized as an aviator who is not merely a great flier but who is known to airmen as a distinguished aeronautical engineer, the first pilot who ever became a Doctor of the Science of Aeronautical Engineering. The aviation scientists and engineers of America are thus recognizing Major Doolittle by making him their leader.

## BASEBALL

Here's something new in baseball - Outfielder Hank Greenberg. Hank - so famous as a first baseman. The Detroit Tigers have had a problem for a couple of seasons. They've had the heavy-hitting Greenberg starring at first base. But they've also had Rudy York, another power at the bat. However, York doesn't seem to be any good, except at first, ~~base~~. Too much first basing - that was the Detroit difficulty. They've solved it now by assigning the more versatile Hank Greenberg to the outfield, which will enable them to play York at the initial sack.

~~This became definite~~ Today when Greenberg signed ~~his~~ ~~new contract,~~ - as an outfielder.

RELAXATION

(We all need relaxation - even a psychiatrist does.

He's a great expert in the ways of the human psyche and should know a lot about mental relaxation.)

At Austin, Texas, a trial is on in which a pretty young nurse makes charges against a psychiatrist,--a well known specialist on maladies of the mind.

She went to him to get a job, and got hugs and kisses instead.

"He put his arms around me," she testified today, "and brought me close to him."

Why did the psychiatrist do that? It was all because he needed relaxation. This was indicated by the testimony of other nurses in the employ of the mental specialist. They said - yes, he did at times indulge in a bit of petting and demonstrations of affection. But ~~they explained,~~ only for psychological reasons - to get some relaxation. <sup>H</sup> One nurse told of how the ~~psychiatrist's~~ psychiatric love-making reached a climax, when the doctor counted the buttons on her uniform. That was also a psychological demonstration of affection - one, two, three, four, five, six -- counting the buttons. And also - for relaxation.

Well, we are sometimes told that sometimes <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ psychiatrist gets that way himself - and needs a psychiatrist.

WEATHER

The weather still continues to be a headline, with that same twister - North Pole conditions down south. The readings of the thermometer tell an almost incredible tale of prolonged zero weather in Dixieland. Three below at Birmingham, Alabama; nine below at Richmond, Virginia; twelve below at Chattanooga, Tennessee; *16 below at Andrews, No. Car.* And in the nearby mountains of the south, the mercury today fell as low as twenty-eight degrees below ~~zero~~. The cold and frost extends on down to semi-tropical Florida, all the way to Miami.

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The damage in the winter fruit and vegetable belt is easy to guess - crops blotted out by the freeze. It is estimated that the havoc of cold to Florida fruit and vegetables alone comes to more than two million dollars. (~~In many places there is severe human suffering, down in the usually balmy south where the people are not prepared for severe weather.~~ Farms are isolated, marooned by the blizzard. They say there's not much danger of food shortage, because of the custom of the farmers to ~~ix~~ lay in food supplies that will last them all winter. The chief peril is to those who need

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medical attention. Doctors can't get about over snow choked roads. *But here's the odd part. In upper New York State they ~~have~~ have just called off the Telemarks Ski meet at Rosendale. No skiing. No snow. High west as meet!*

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