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CONGRESS

Last word indicates

~~Shortly after eight o'clock tonight~~, the Seventy-Fifth

Congress of the United States ^{tomorrow} will be no more. ^{Such} ~~That~~ was the strong implication in the last bit of news that came from Washington a few

moments ago. ^{TR} Earlier in the afternoon, a row broke loose on the floor of the Senate that threatened to prolong adjournment for a day, perhaps a week, perhaps a month.

A number of senators got their danders up over the flood control bill. One provision in it made them raise and agitate the good old banner of states' rights. ^{It} ~~That~~ was the provision which proclaimed that Uncle Sam would be the owner of all dams, reservoirs, electrical power rights and other things on flood control projects.

That, said ~~Representative~~ ^{Senator} Republican ~~Mr.~~ Austin of Vermont, ^{would be} ~~was~~ a shocking invasion of states' rights. Other legislators took their ~~cut~~ ^{cue} from

~~that~~. And for a while the flood gates of oratory were opened. ^{For}

^{perilous minutes} ~~for a while~~ it looked ^{TR} like a regular filibuster. But, in the middle

of the afternoon it collapsed almost as quickly as it had started.

Actually, the more hardened Washington observers hadn't taken it with much seriousness. Republican Senator McNary of Oregon, who is noted for being one of the canniest political prophets in

— right thru the row —
Washington, ~~through it all~~ stuck to his prediction that at about
~~eight o'clock tonight~~ Congress would adjourn, *tomorrow*, ~~in an hour~~.

The debates in both chambers have been festive affairs for the last couple of days. All the galleries were thronged with visitors. At one time they made such a racket in the House that Speaker Bankhead threatened to clear out all spectators. But representatives and most senators ~~at~~ were in a holiday mood, anticipating the end of their Washington labors.

SPECIAL SESSION

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It may turn out that the jubilation among
Congressmen and women over adjournment is premature. ~~There is~~ *Tonight there seems*

to be a distinct possibility of a special session. The representatives and senators ducked an important part of their job, settling the railroad problem. President Roosevelt, instead of trying to solve it himself, dumped it into their laps a couple of months ago. It was such a knotty problem that nobody in Washington has been able to muster up any constructive ideas.

But the more Spartan-minded legislators insist that this is no way to answer the question. The railroads have got to be helped. Words to that effect were spoken today by ~~no less~~

~~an authority on~~ Representative John J. O'Connor of New York, *who* *in this connection* ~~is~~ is important because he is Chairman of the influential

Rules Committee of the House. ~~And~~ Said he: "It's a matter of deep concern that neither House has seen fit to follow the suggestion of the President in rendering aid to the railroads."

And he added: "If the expected financial collapse of a number of the large lines occurs after we adjourn, it is ~~not~~ most likely that Congress will be called back in a special session to meet the situation."

HAGUE

Place, the Federal Court in Newark, today. The chief actor, Mayor Hague of Jersey City. His third day on the witness stand. He had one tiff after another with counsel. The cross examiner this afternoon was Morris Ernst, counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union. He's the man who, according to Mayor Hague's own words, was the "instigator of the Committee for Industrial Organization." which was organized by John L. Lewis, Ernst fired sharp questions. Hague stuck to his guns. Charge and counter charge spattering all over that Newark court room as the Jersey City Mayor replied in his own racy vernacular.

At one point of the proceedings, Ernst asked the judge to instruct the Mayor to answer more responsively; complained that he was evasive. To that Hague replied: "Things have been peaceful up to now." Later on, Hague complained that Ernst, as he put it, "is endeavoring to try to make this proceeding boisterous instead of orderly."

Then Ernst asked the Jersey City Mayor: "Can you

give us a definition of Nazism?" Replied the Mayor: "You'll have to give that." Then he was asked: "Is it the same as Communism?" To which Mr. Hague said: "I ^{im not} ~~ain't~~ going to set myself up as no expert on the isms."

He was then asked: "Is Socialism the same as Communism?" To which the ~~ingenuous~~ Mayor replied: "Yes, of late they have joined into the Communists."

Morris Ernst then said to the Jersey City Mayor: "In your investigation of me, did you find out that I was denied the right to enter Russia a year after you were there?" That startled Mayor Hague, who exclaimed: "Are you sincere in that?" And Ernst replied, "Yes, of course."

Then said Hague: "Don't insult my intelligence. This is an act you're putting on." ^{And the Mayor added: - and you weren't} ~~And then he said~~ "You went. ~~You weren't~~" denied a visa to Russia."

Later still, Mayor Hague shouted: "~~The court hadn't ought to allow this man to ask the questions and answers.~~" This man aint going to stand here and browbeat me. I ask for the protection of the court."

That was at a time when Ernst was trying to make Mayor Hague answer the question: "Give the name of one person who said I instigated the C.I.O." Mayor Hague declined to answer. ~~He~~

The final bit of comedy occurred when ~~Ernst~~ Ernst said to Hague: "You know that Governor Lehman of New York appointed me to the State Banking Commission?" To that Hague replied: "If Governor Lehman has been a fool that's no affair of mine."

DEBT

Here's a bit of news that's almost of the "man bites dog" category. Uncle Sam got money from abroad! ~~Yes, believe it~~

~~Yes,~~
~~or not,~~ the Federal Reserve Bank in New York received a payment

on account of one of the debts ~~due~~ incurred by a foreign country

Not the bank. I mean the country.
after the war. It was Hungary. The check ~~for~~ was for nine thousand,

eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars and sixteen cents. This

represents one per cent of the money that President Woodrow Wilson

loaned to ~~Hungary~~ *them* after the war to save the Hungarians from

starvation.

CHINA

The Chinese Communists sent an ultimatum today to their Commander-in-Chief, Chang-Kai Shek. "If you don't defend Hankow," they said, "we'll do it ourselves." ~~the~~

*The* floods on the Yellow River have forced the Japanese invaders still further back. They've been obliged to abandon the

offensive north of Hankow. *and —* Their front line of battle is

being transferred to the Yangtse River, *maybe operating of the fleet.*

The statement issued by the Chinese Communists has a familiar ring. They say: "Who imagines that we Chinese troops and workers are unable to route the Japanese Fascist Militarists?" And they *add: —* "The Madrid workers and Spanish Republicans already have defended Madrid for two years against Italian and German Fascists, and ~~they are winning for~~ Franco."

But it isn't only the Japanese who have suffered from those floods on the Yellow River. *(* The Nipponese High Command admits that thousands of the Mikado's soldiers have been trapped by the waters. *at least* But a hundred and fifty thousand Chinese peasants have also perished. *)*

SPAIN

General Franco's Press Department claims another victory in the Spanish war. The Rebels say they have captured Villareal, a point South of the Mijares River.

But the Government forces are making a ~~big~~ desperate last-minute effort to save ^{the great city of} Valencia; an army of more than seventy thousand men is in line of battle south of ~~Cuxkannon~~ Castellon. ~~Delaplaner~~. If Valencia falls the only source of supply for the ~~besieged~~ besieged garrison of Madrid will be ~~at~~ Alicante way down in the south.

KAISER

Fifty years ago, a young man, only twenty-nine, succeeded his father. He was, in fact, the first young man to hold that particular job in quite a long period. So there was great curiosity as to what would happen in his reign. He was not only young, but apparently strong of will. At any rate, he talked as though he was. And he lost no time in proving himself to be also a young man who likes ^d his own way, and liked the people around him to recognize *this*.

~~the fact~~

His name?
~~That young man was~~ Wilhelm Hohenzollern. The job to which

he succeeded was that of German Emperor and King of Prussia.

To the blaring of brass bands and the thundering of cannon, amid the parades of glittering battalions, he ascended his throne at Potsdam. Fifty years ago today.

This anniversary, as an old old man, ~~He~~ spent today quietly at his ~~place~~ near Doorn, in the Netherlands.

The hand that used to sign edicts was used today for trimming the rose bushes in ^{the} ~~his~~ garden. The voice that used to utter resonant sentences about mailed fists and the divine right of kings, was

The Ex-Kaiser
dictating ~~his~~ memoirs. ~~He~~ celebrated ~~his~~ anniversary by seeking

~~the~~ privacy even greater than he has been having in the last few years. He didn't even go for his usual motor ~~car~~ ride.

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BERLIN

Throughout Germany the consulates of Uncle Sam and John Bull
were filled ^{today} with anxious, trembling people. They were Jews trying
to get passports to escape from the country. (The word from Berlin
is that a new anti-Jewish drive is imminent. Leaders of the Nazi
party admitted it. The intention is to Aryanize all stores and
establishments owned by Jews throughout the Reich.) The ^{plan} ~~intention~~
is to accomplish this by the end of July.

This new campaign will follow the line of the Jewish purge
in what ^{was} ~~used to be~~ Austria. There ^{are} ~~were~~ unconfirmed rumors that
more than a thousand Jewish people ^{have just} ~~had been~~ arrested. ~~already.~~

LONDON FOLLOW BERLIN

This news from Germany was long since anticipated in London. It became known tonight that Downing Street sent a ~~warning~~ message to Berlin more than a month ago, ~~it was~~ a warning to the Nazis not to molest any Jews who are British subjects.

The British Government cautioned the Germans neither to arrest them nor confiscate their personal property. And it also announced that it would give full diplomatic ~~success~~^{aid} to any British Jews who suffer injustice in Germany.

JUDAH

A little over a year ago when I was in Rome, ~~and had~~ ~~was recorded~~ ~~and~~
~~the opportunity of~~ a conversation with ~~Duce~~ Mussolini, I asked
him what he chose as the most important accomplishment of his
regime.

~~reign~~ He took me to the window of the great room in the
Venezia Palace, which he uses as an office. And out of that
window he showed me the broad, handsome new thoroughfare built
to commemorate the conquest of Ethiopia. As he pointed to that
thoroughfare, Mussolini replied: "There, the Via Impero."

One of the adornments of the Via Impero is a bronze
statue of a lion. ~~It is~~ *And it's not* one of the old monuments of immortal

Rome. Up to a year ago it wasn't in Rome at all. ~~It used to be~~ *It was in remote*
Africa; in Addis Ababa. In fact, it's a statue of ~~the~~ *the* Lion of Judah, once

the property of His Ex-Majesty, Haile Selassie, King of Kings,
Lion of Judah.

Among the spoils of war, it was brought to Rome and set up as
part of the monument to the Italian soldiers killed in the
conquest of Ethiopia. ~~That monument was the center of great~~

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That monument was the center of great excitement to-day.

One of the thousands of visitors in Rome was an Ethiopian, not a

EARTHQUAKE

I wonder whether anybody within hearing of ^{my} ~~this~~ voice
~~has run across~~ ^{encountered} an earthquake ^{today}. There were two of them today,
somewhere in the world. But up to ^{now} ~~my deadline~~, no word had
been received as to where those shocks occurred. Father Lynch,
~~the celebrated~~ seismologist of Fordham ~~University~~, reports that
his recording machine registered two shocks around five o'clock
this morning. They were four thousand, nine hundred miles from
New York, so we have a wide scope for our guessing.

KIDNAP

There's no longer any question ^{after} what will be the fate of

^{Pierce} young Franklin McCall who kidnapped and murdered little ^{Jimmy} ~~Sheegle~~ Cash.

^{He will not} ~~He will~~ hear his sentence pronounced until tomorrow. But words were

uttered by the judge today which left no doubt ^{of} what that sentence

will be.

The court room was filled with armed guards to prevent any danger of a lynching while young McCall told his story of the crime. Then said Judge Atkinson: "I find the accused guilty of kidnapping for ransom"; and he added: "This verdict makes the death penalty mandatory. There's nothing for me to do but give him the chair." Then he said: "Sentence will be pronounced tomorrow."

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EXPLOSION

The town of Harlan, Kentucky, was shaken today by a loud, sharp explosion. Dynamite blew up the home of a Harlan County miner. ~~was~~ One of the miners subpoenaed to testify for the government in the conspiracy trial at London, Kentucky.

The sheriff, when he had investigated, declared that two or three cases of dynamite, a keg of powder, and several hundred caps had been stolen from the stores of a mining company. The sheriff also said that the explosion was a mistake, that there had been no intention to injure the witness whose house was blown up. The people who planted that dynamite, said the sheriff, had intended to murder somebody else.

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*All a Harlan County
mistake. & s-l-u-t-m.*