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KREUGER

Evar Kroyger
Did Ivar Kreuger, the dramatic and spectacular match

king of Sweden really commit suicide, or is he still alive?

A senatorial committee was investigating this question today --

the committee on finance which is continuing its research

into the stock market.

The chief investigator of the committee brought up

the gossip, widely current today in Paris, that Ivar Kreuger

is still in the land of the living. A prominent stock broker

who was on the witness stand declared that he placed no confidence

in this gossip. Said ^{he :-} ~~this witness~~ "I believe Kreuger is dead.

I was in Paris the day of his death, ~~and~~ awaiting a conference

with him." One of the Senators then asked the witness: "Did

you see him after he died?" The witness replied that he had not.

The Senator ~~then asked~~ thereupon suggested: "Then you don't

know of your own knowledge whether Kreuger is dead or alive."

The witness replied that the fact of Kreuger's death

had been confirmed by his associates. Still, the rumor persists, as it does also in the case of that other gambler in millions Alfred Lovenstein who was reported to have jumped from an airplane into the English Channel.

LIBBY

Well, they have Libby Holman's twenty million dollar baby in an incubator. This boy, the heir to the large ~~foreign~~ tobacco fortune ~~x~~ of the late youthful Smith Reynolds, weighs only three and a half pounds. So he'll have to live in his incubator several weeks. Miss Holman or Mrs. Reynolds, whichever you choose to call her, is doing well and not ~~worried~~ worried about the baby. ~~whose underweight is due to premature birth.~~

Right on top of the birth of the Smith Reynolds' son comes the news of an attempt at kidnapping his young daughter, the little girl born to his first wife. A man and woman have been arrested by the police in Atlanta, Georgia, on charges of threatening to kidnap or kill this little girl.. It is said that the threats were made in letters written to the child's ~~grandfather~~ grandfather. For she not only had a rich father, her mother was the daughter of a wealthy textile manufacturer in North Carolina. This child's mother obtained a divorce from Smith Reynolds before he married the musical comedy star, Libby Holman.

HOOVER

President Hoover certainly said something today. He sent another special message to Congress, the second in two days. It was a plea to Congress for what he called emergency action to help all people who are in debt. And it's a ~~fact~~^{certainty} nobody can ~~criticize~~^{criticize} him for that.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Sun points out that the principal source of the President's solicitude is the wholesale numbers of forced foreclosures of mortgages ~~that is~~^{now} going on. He asked Congress to immediately revise the bankruptcy laws of the U. S. A. He wants a law as he puts it, that will bring immediate relief to debtors who seek the protection of the courts to readjust their relations with their creditors. Mr. Hoover's message shows how the present system of forced liquidation through foreclosure and bankruptcy sale, are in his own words "utterly destructive of the interests of debtor and creditor alike."

PRINCE

The life of a prince is not one long summer of roses and wine, especially nowadays. ~~So~~ many memoirs are being published which tell us that it never was an existence of unalloyed joy. For one thing, princes never could pick their own wives.

Well, the prince business is more or less on the fritz *for* *the moment,* ~~today,~~ but even now there is the deuce to pay when a prince marries where he chooses. For instance, a dispatch from Germany to the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin tells of the engagement of Prince Heinrich Stolberg to the daughter of a subordinate government employee.

His family wanted him to marry Princess Juliana, heiress to the throne of Holland. ^{But} ~~The~~ Prince Heinrich said nothing doing on Juliana. He was in love with this nineteen year old daughter of the middle classes, and "by Jingo," he said, "there is nothing now to prevent me from marrying her." His ~~family~~ family can't do anything about it because he's today the head of the house.

The people who are ^{most sore}~~sorry~~ are the inhabitants of the city of **Stalberg**. They're annoyed because if their prince had married the heiress to the throne of Holland, there would have been elaborate wedding festivities out of which the citizens could have made money. So though the Prince won't marry Dutch, he's ^{certainly} in ~~Dutch~~ with his subjects.

REINDEER

Here's some news about the Reindeer Drive, the one I described at Christmas time. For three years now, at Christmas, I have told you about the great trek of the Lomen reindeers across the top of North America through the Bering Sea Section of Alaska to the Eskimo lands in Northern Canada. Some late news has just come through. Mr. Rowatt, Deputy Minister of the Interior at Ottawa, has sent news to the associates of Carl Lomen, reindeer king here in New York.

A representative of the Canadian Government accompanied by three Lapps journeyed west into Alaska from Canadian territory. On the Artic Coast the spot where Alaska and Canada come together is called Demarcation Point - and they found the Lomen herd of deer just twenty miles West of Demarcation Point.

The Lomen reindeer herd is under the supervision of one of the greatest of all living reindeer experts - Andy Bahr, a Lapp. Andy reports that his herd is in fine shape; that there are now about 2300 deer. So it looks as though the Loman Bros. were going to succeed splendidly in their spectacular undertaking.

The news has been relayed to me through Mr. Leonard Baldwin of New York City and Mr. R. J. Cuddihy, my old chief at the Literary Digest.

JAPAN

It looks as though China can kiss its rich province of
Reyho goodbye. Advices to the New York World Telegram inform
us that (the Chinese defenders of the Great Wall have been put
to flight.) The troops of the Mikado are in complete control
of Chiumen^{su}kwow. The other name of that place is "The Pass of the
Nine Gates", A pass through the Great Wall into Reyho. This
information came from the Japanese Legation in Peiping. *Bayping. That's the
way they pronounce Peking nowadays.*
(A large division of Japanese troops including tanks,
armored trains, airplanes, artillery and cavalry, are on their
way through the pass into one of the richest Chinese provinces.)
They are aiming at the capital, Chengtefu.

Three days ago the Japanese were saying that they
positively did not intend to conduct any military operations
inside the Great Wall. Correspondents report that the Mikado's
generals are consolidating their positions along the Wall.
Meanwhile they are surrounding the Province of Reyho on the
eastern and southern frontiers.

So it won't be long before we hear that Reyho has become a part of the newly erected state of Manchukuo, which is an independent state if you can say it without laughing.

REVOLTS

It seems that this week the spirit of turbulence is holding high carnival in many parts of the world. Bombs were exploded. There was fighting in the streets, mobs ~~are~~ were firing on the police and being fired on in return -- in fact there's ^{an uproar going on} ~~the duce to pay~~ in several nations. In no less than four countries martial law was ^{declared} ~~called in~~. After the explosion of bombs in Granada the government of the youthful Spanish Republic put the disturbed province under the control of the military.

Then away off in India British troops marched into the little independent state of Alwar to try to persuade the rebellious Moslems that they must not annihilate their Hindu brethren.

Down in Argentina President ^AJusto adjourned the Congress. A state of siege had been proclaimed by the Buenos Aires government which amounts to martial law. The same sort of thing was going on in Cuba, though on a smaller scale.

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In Germany the Hitlerites and Communists were at it again. The mob fired on the police. In the Irish Free State the chief of the Civil Guards announced that he would call out the army if the disorders continued.

TOKIO

That love feast between the Mikado and the Soviet Government apparently is all off. A wireless to the New York Sun brings the information that the Japanese Foreign Office today said that the non-aggression treaty between the two countries was as good as dead.

This, they say, is the result of Dictator Stalin's recent speech in Moscow. That's the speech in which he attributed the falling off in production to complications in the Far East. This riled the Japs and they say they don't love the Soviet any more.

Meanwhile a Russian whaling fleet of four ships is interned at a Japanese port. The fleet had got lost in a fog and storm and entered the harbor for water and fuel.

CANADA

In the meantime apparently the Soviet Government is making sheep's eyes at the Dominion of Canada. A dispatch to the Toronto Star quotes a Russian official in an interview in which he points out what a huge market Russia offers Canadian manufacturers. The transportation system of the Soviet Union is about to be thoroughly reorganized. And, say the Russians, it is an unequalled opportunity for Canadian firms that make railway equipment.

Then too Russians are inviting Canadians to sell them all sorts of machinery.

JAM

Four men are going to die for stealing jam. ~~That's~~
~~going~~ to happen in Russia. Three others were sentenced to
ten years in prison. They stole the jam from a warehouse of
the Soviet Government. They were ~~a~~ ^{the} manager and ~~an~~ ^(six) employes of
the warehouse from which the jam was swiped.

My gosh, I'm glad I didn't grow up in Soviet Russia.
If I had had to be executed for every time I stole ~~if~~ jam,
I would have had to have as many lives as a hundred cats.

AUTO SHOW

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There were three ^{particularly} interesting ~~in~~ visitors to the National Auto Show at the Grand Central Palace today ^{and at The Waldorf-Astoria.} One of them was no less a magnifico than the Honorable Roy Chapin, Uncle Sam's Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Chapin had several significant things to say. He pointed out that the motor industry is one of the greatest of employers, and that when it gets into full swing we will be able to say safely that the old U. S. A. is again on the road to better times. He also ~~points out~~ ^{observed that} there comes a point in the life of every car when the cost of keeping it up is more than that of buying a new one. And that's not a bad argument.

Among the other visitors to the auto show were two pioneers of ^{the} industry. One of these was Mr. Stephen Bälzer of Andover, New Jersey, who was awarded a gold watch for ^{having been} ~~being~~ the first man to build and drive his own car on the streets of New York. Another pioneer was Charles E. Duryea who was one of the first men ever to build an automobile anywhere.

JONES

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It isn't often that an opera becomes a matter of national news. But the musical ^{setting} ~~city~~ of Eugene O'Neil's The Emperor Jones which was recently produced by the Metropolitan Opera ^{Company} ~~House~~ in New York, has aroused interest and curiosity all over the country. For one thing it's the first opera that is American in every detail. Not only is the composer, as well as Eugene O'Neil, the author of the play, an American. ~~But~~ ~~The setting is American.~~ The setting and the theme are *And the star is Lawrence Tibbett, an American.* essentially American. ^{ff} The extraordinary success achieved by The Emperor Jones in New York on Saturday has now been duplicated in Philadelphia. The City of William Penn went just as ~~wild~~ ^{wild} ~~crazy~~ about this new American work ^{last night, as did} ~~as~~ the people of Gotham. It's the first American opera in history to achieve such ^{an} ~~an~~ unqualified sensation.

LEISURE

Here's a new idea in college course^s. It comes from ~~the~~ Butler University in Indiana. And it seems to be by way of anticipating the consummation of the Technocrat's dream, the dream of a four ^{working} hour day and a four day week.

(4) If we're going to have all that leisure what are we going to do with it? Butler University proposes to solve the problem. So the faculty is instituting courses in how to use your leisure hours. They will teach gardening, astronomy, photography, ~~astrolgy~~ radio, ornithology -- which means birds, ^{yes,} even politics and after dinner speaking.

If Butler University wants to be real benevolent, it will ~~be~~ institute a ~~XXXXX~~ course ^{to} ~~which will~~ train ^{the boys} ~~everybody~~ to ^{desist} ~~abstain~~ from after dinner speaking.

PINCHOT

~~There was~~ ^{that} young storm ^{which has been raging} in the Pennsylvania Legislature ~~which~~ calmed down today.

A story in the Harrisburg Patriot relates that a state senator, an opponent of Governor Pinchot, was accusing the Governor of personal extravagance with state funds while ^{at the} ~~he was~~ ^{same time} clamoring for economy on the part of the legislators.

This senator's address ended with an ^{and scandalous} unprovoked ^{and} attack on Mrs. Pinchot. As may well be imagined, this produced a temporary sensation in the Pennsylvania Senate. Republican senators, ^{opposed to} ~~opposed to~~ Pinchot immediately sprang to their feet ^{insisting} ~~and demanded~~ that their colleague's remarks be expunged from the record.

(3) The senators who were followers of Governor Pinchot opposed them, demanding that the insult to ^{the Governor's lady} ~~Mrs. Pinchot~~ be left on the record. ^{But} The Republican senators won out. ~~The record was~~ ^{insult} ~~insult~~ was erased.

Today Governor Pinchot himself appeared upon the floor of the Senate and demanded that ~~that~~ that body take disciplinary action against the offending senator. Said Governor Pinchot: "I can not properly horsewhip a Senator, however much I may

desire to, and however much the Senator may deserve it.

Moreover", added the Governor, "I cannot seek legal redress."

Governor Pinchot's demand was ~~extra~~ quite unparallelled in the history of parliamentary procedure.

The storm subsided ^{because later} ~~later~~ in the day ~~when~~ the offending Senator ^{again took} ~~got up on~~ the floor and made a complete and public retraction of his remarks against Mrs. Pinchot.

FUR

Now for a ~~proper~~ prosperity note from an unexpected source. Its origin is Montana. A dispatch to the Philadelphia Bulletin ~~records that~~ ^{declares} it is estimated that three silver-~~black~~ fox farms near Dillon, Montana, will show profits of from thirty to forty thousand dollars this season.

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This industry in that part of Montana started from an original stock of thirty pairs which were brought into the copper state five years ago from Prince Edward Island, ^{Canada.} There are now two hundred and ten pairs of foxes on ~~three~~ those three farms. About a thousand young foxes are raised each year and exports ^{of pelts} have increased from one hundred to a thousand a year. There is a ^{young} industry that seems to be thriving.

BANDIT

Here's a hold up ^{item}~~story~~ that's a little out of the ordinary.

^Q~~The~~ story in the Brooklyn Times-Union relates that a bandit was sticking up a service station in Fowler, California. The attendant at the station put on a quick but eloquent talk. He first talked the would-be robber out of killing him, telling him that it was foolish to commit murder for anything less than two thousand dollars. Then this attendant talked the bandit out of taking the station's cash. Finally he advised him not to try to hold up the station next door. He warned the robber that ^{his neighbors}~~they~~ had radio connection with the police station and that he'd surely be caught. It all ended with the bandit saying: "I

guess you're right. Thanks Buddy." *And what a persuasive chap that filling-station attendant turned out to be! He could even sell gasoline to the Arab camel drivers in the Sahara.*

ENDING

This week's Literary Digest quotes a typical conversation that was published in a newspaper in San Jose, California.

A new resident was saying to an old timer that he stopped over in San ~~Juan~~^{Juan}. The old resident interrupted him and said: "Pardon me, but you should say San Juan. In California we pronounce our j's like h's."

So the new resident replied: "Well, you'll have to give me time. You see I've been in the state only through Hune and Huly."

Well, as the Digest remarks, it's Hanuary now in San Jose, and it ^{is also} ~~is~~ holly well time for me to ~~hump away from~~
~~this mike and~~ say - S - l - u - t - m.