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RAILROADS

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The Interstate Commerce Commission went ahead and did it today. Wall Street had been expecting it. ~~the rumor buzzing in the turmoil of the Stock Exchange.~~ During the recent upswing of prices, railroad stocks led the way, and the reason was the report - that the Commerce Commission was going to raise railroad freight rates. The lines would be allowed to charge more, would get more money. <sup>And -</sup> So it happened today. The Interstate Commerce Commission granted a series of increases on various kinds of freight; more to be paid for transporting a whole series of important basic commodities, coal, iron, various building materials, oil, asphalt, etc. It is estimated that the boost will increase railroad revenue by forty-seven and a half million dollars a year.

Railroad stocks <sup>had gone</sup> ~~went~~ up in anticipation of this.

Now that ~~it's~~ it has happened - there's some more going up, railroad securities on the climb.

ROOSEVELT

Let's have a bit of repetition. President Roosevelt repeated today what he declared he had already said a hundred times, that the budget will be balanced next year. The government won't spend any more than it takes in. And that's something that will bear repetition.

President Roosevelt today called a meeting to discuss -- corn loans. He is seeking ways and means to enable the government to lend cash to farmers on their crops. That of course will take money -- a lot of it.

So, at the press conference today, the President was inevitably asked -- would the corn loans jeopardize the balanced budget? With all those millions more on the pay-out side, could the income still be expected to equal the out-go? It was then the President declared -- that he could only repeat what he had said a hundred times before, budget balanced next year.



PAYMASTER

The Brigadier-General, who is paymaster of the Marine Corps, is to be court-martialed for - "conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline. " That was announced today in Washington. What did the Brigadier-General Paymaster of the Marines do? The accusation puts it this way - "making erroneous reports on his individual traveling expense account." Well, well - so even a brigadier-general can be charged with padding the old swindle sheet. I always thought it was an art reserved for traveling salesmen, but apparently they know about it even in the Marines. The difference is - you never heard of a traveling salesman getting court-martialed for it.

DRENNAN

The "woman in red" was acquitted today. The jury said "not guilty" in the case of Margaret Drennan who shot Paul Reeves. Her plea was that she killed to save herself from assault.



MONTAGUE

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~~So~~ The movie star friends of John Montague, today's court proceedings at Elizabethtown, New York, won't seem so cheerful - the outlook not too bright for their golfing pals. But any Hollywood actor or director might contemplate with envy the drama that was played in the <sup>Elizabethtown</sup> ~~little~~ court room today. - It would have been ~~such~~ hot stuff on the screen.

There was, for example, the seventy-two year old man, Matt Cobb, whose testimony was a thriller. He swore how, in that robbery several years ago, the bandits tied him up in a second floor room of the roadhouse. But even in his old age, Matt Cobb was one of the strong men of the county. And he got loose and jumped out ~~of~~ the window and started to run. He was tackled by one of the robbers, whom he describes as short and stocky. That description fits Montague, the powerful golfer of Hollywood. There was a wild wrestle, with the aged strong man putting up a furious bout. The two rolled down the hillside to a riverbank, where the robber landed on top. Matt Cobb says that, in spite of all his years, he could have won that bout - only the bandit called to ~~mix~~ his pals, called for a blackjack,

and they brought him one.

And Matt says they addressed the bandit he was fighting with as - Verne. Montague's name in his New York State life was - LaVerne Moore. There was an argument in court about whether the name the old man had heard spoken was - Verne or Van.

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The robber beat ~~the~~ Matt Cobb over the head with ~~the~~ blackjack until he was unconscious. Today, on the witness stand, Matt Cobb displayed a white scar on his forehead, made by that blackjack, he said. And, in the questioning, the lawyer had to shout in his ears, because he is stone deaf, a result of the ~~nocturnal~~ <sup>nocturnal</sup> ~~blackjack~~ beating, he says. He looked at Hollywood's John Montague sitting there in the court room, but could not identify his face. He said the robber wore a mask.

That was followed by some more dramatics - and the theme was golf. It was his mighty exploits as the strong man of the links, which caused John Montague to be suspected of being the robber, LaVerne Moore, who was a mighty golfer ~~man~~ <sup>er</sup> of upper New York State.



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A state trooper told on the witness stand today how the four robbers escaped in two automobiles. The troopers got after one car, and in speeding away it ran off the road and was wrecked. One robber was killed in the smash-up, the other confessed his share in the roadhouse hold-up. The state trooper told what they had found ~~in~~ <sup>and</sup> the car, right there in the court was brought a bag of golf clubs - ~~the~~ <sup>--- that same</sup> golfing theme. They were ordinary clubs, not like the extra sized, powerful weapons of the links that Montague was famous for using in his Paul Bunyan days. But, the trooper testified that the surviving bandit said the clubs belonged to LaVerne Moore.

The testimony continued with ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> account of the other automobile with the <sup>other</sup> two robbers. This car was stopped by the troopers, but they let it go because there was no incriminating evidence to be found. Today in court, one of the two in the car was identified as - Norton, who has confessed his share of the robbery and who has identified Montague as his partner in it.

How about the second man in the car? The state trooper

today pointed the finger of identification - at Montague. "He was the other man in the car with Norton." <sup>So</sup> - the trooper swore.

Late this afternoon the state rested its case; all the testimony in against the great golfer of Hollywood.



THORGERSEN

*A crime*

~~A great~~ drama with golf as a theme might as well be  
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followed by the weekly pageant of football. So let's ask

Ed Thorgersen about his selections for tomorrow's big game.

Pick your winners Ed.

ED THORGERSEN

Tomorrow, Lowell, we arrive at that crucial Saturday or the season -- the turning point in the schedules of the vast majority of college elevens -- the half-way milestone on Football's Highway -- and we come to a fork in the road -- one trail leading toward the Olympian heights of Conference and Sectional Supremacy -- and to the inaccessible peak of the national championship -- the other trail leads to cold bitter desolation of football oblivion.

Survivors of tomorrow's major battles will be on the upgrade -- even though records are already besmirched with a tie or one defeat -- tomorrow will prove whether that tie or that one reversal was a mistake -- an upset -- or as it should be. In the East for instance where the Big Red Cornell team invades the Yale Bowl to tackle an undefeated Bulldog -- tomorrow night we'll know whether that last week's defeat of Cornell by Syracuse was the result of over confidence and therefore a let-down by the Cornellians or whether it took Syracuse to show up the flaws in Carl Snavely's Cornell team that plastered Colgate and Princeton so completely on successive Saturdays. If Cornell defeats the



Yale Bulldog tomorrow -- it will not only be for the first time in history -- it will also establish the fact that Cornell is still a contender for the national crown. Yale's Bulldog is undefeated tonight -- and the consensus of opinion seems to be that tomorrow night Yale will still be undefeated. I don't think so. Without taking lightly that great Syracuse triumph last week, I prefer to think that Cornell took the Syracuse Orange too light-heartedly and was given a beating as a result. So I look forward tomorrow to seeing Cornell tame the Bulldog for the first time in football history. It is, indeed a crucial game.

Texas Christian comes to New York for the first time tomorrow-- bringing Dave O'Brien who's expected to give Fordham a triple threat headache. Fordham's passing attack that showed up so weak against Pitt last Saturday has been great improved. Fordham still has the line to cope with anything along the ground and with an effective defense against that Texas bullet-passing it should be Fordham's day.

Harvard's best team in years entertains the Dartmouth Indian tomorrow and pick the winner of that -- Harvard won one of it's moral victories last Saturday in holding a good Navy team to a scoreless tie -- tomorrow's tussle should prove to be a surprise -- I like the chance of Harvard.

If Notre Dame expects to win a major victory this year. Tomorrow's certainly the time. For after tackling Navy this week-end they encounter Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Army and Northwestern in bewildering succession. Navy has the better team, but the fighting Irish are battling in their own back yard where they're awfully tough to beat -- so the Irish should win, but they'll know they've been in a scrap.

Ohio state grabs hold of a Northwestern Wild Cat -- By tomorrow night it will probably wish it hadn't -- as this Northwestern edition is another Big Ten conference champion in the making.

Heading South we find Louisiana State encountering Vanderbilt the greatest obstacle in the path of Louisiana's third



successive Southwestern Conference Title. Louisiana is undefeated, untied and unscored on -- Louisiana has Rose Bowl aspirations -- Tomorrow night's headlines will feature Louisiana.

California's Far Western supremacy will undergo a stiff test when the Trojans of Southern California try to remain in the Rose Bowl running -- but I'm afraid that tomorrow afternoon will see California firmly established as football Team of the Golden West.

And having thus delivered myself Lowell -- carry on.

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FLASH:\*

Right off the wire -- from Washington D.C. The State Department announces that Nicaragua and Honduras have accepted Uncle Sam's offer to mediate -- and avoid that war over a postage stamp.

SPAIN

There was disagreement in today's session of the Non Intervention Committee in London. Nothing new about that -- the history of non intervention has been a history of disagreement. But this time it's not Italy or Germany that's putting on the stubborn, balky act. It's Soviet Russia, the ally of France. Moscow doesn't approve of the compromise London and Paris made with Rome and Berlin -- the compromise that calls for a gesture of withdrawal of foreign fighters from Spain. Gesture is about the word. Mussolini called it symbolism, and today it's spoken of as -- a token of withdrawal.

Something like those token payments that used to be made on the War Debts to the United States. Each side would pull out a small number of volunteers and equal number. That's what the Soviet delegate was kicking about today. Russia wants the numbers withdrawn on each side not equally -- but proportionately. The Soviet claim is that there are many more Italians on the Franco side than there are international radicals on the Left Wing side. Therefore, the number of Italians taken out should be larger.

The dispatches don't say that the Soviets are blocking



negotiations definitely. "Slowing up," is the term used.

Hitler's diplomatic Number One man, von Ribbentrop, landed in Rome today after a sudden plane flight from London. He went into an immediate conference with Mussolini, and there is speculation about what the unannounced diplomatic visit may mean. Some suppose that the Duce and the Fuehrer are trying to work up a compromise scheme to settle the Spanish Civil War.

Meanwhile, in Spain, resistance to Franco along the Bay of Biscay has virtually vanished.

A Left Wing gunboat was trapped in the harbor of Gijon when Franco captured the city. The war vessel couldn't get away, so the crew threw open its sea valves and sank the craft.

The British are asking Franco to display mercy toward the huge number of prisoners he has captured.

WINDSOR

Tonight one might ask and wonder - what did the Duke say to Hitler? And, what did Hitler say to the Duke? They had a long conversation today, but the theme of their discourse is not revealed. <sup>It</sup> ~~They~~ may have been deep ~~in~~ politics, <sup>or, maybe they</sup> ~~or they may have~~ just talked about the <sup>lovely</sup> view. And a marvelous view it was - from Hitler's secluded retreat in the Bavarian Alps. Tea was served on the balcony - from which the eye could take in the magnificent panorama of sunlit mountains, all the way to distant Salzburg.

Today's visit of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to ~~the Bavarian retreat of~~ Reichsfuehrer Hitler was the climax of the tour of the Windsors in Germany - studying housing. And it brings to a focus the question - what's it all about? Why the trip to Germany, with so much parade and publicity? In the observation of working-class conditions why begin in the realm of the Nazis? That might create a peculiar impression - for over here there's a notion that Fascism is an evil for the workers. Some people may think it strange - to go to a Fascist nation <sup>to</sup> ~~in the~~ study ~~of~~ laboring-class welfare. All this puts an interesting sidelight on the coming visit of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to the United States.

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## STUDENTS

The City Hall at Montreal was stormed today, invaded by students of the University of Montreal, who roared through the corridors and denounced the Mayor. Four hundred of them shouted their protests because the city government had issued a permit for a Communist meeting. They objected to a rally of the Reds in Montreal. At first, the Mayor paid no attention to the clamor, but when the students began to grow violent, he gave in, and declared the Communist permit - cancelled. ~~It was~~ In order to avert bloodshed, he said.

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There was student trouble likewise at the University of Michigan today - though of a more prankish, jovial sort. The Freshmen are scheduled to stage a class rush tomorrow, so the top-lofty Sophomores set out to kidnap the Freshman leader. A hundred and fifty of them marched on the dormitories of the Frosh. ~~EXAMINER~~ The Freshmen had been warned and so were ready. As the Sophomores stormed into the buildings, they were met by streams of water from the fire hoses in the corridors. They were blasted right out by the powerful spurts of water. That

enraged the Sophomores and there was a pitched battle. The  
Sophs grabbed thirty of the Frosh, tore the pants off them,  
and dragged them through the puddles of water.

The battle was so hot and uproarious that it brought  
a majestic intervention. University President Alexander Ruthven  
himself appeared and stopped the fracas.

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buckets, thousands of them, the factory was destroyed. Buckets,  
buckets everywhere -- but not enough water.

NO LONGER BURNING



## FIRE

Baltimore had a rip-roaring fire today, with four thrilling rescues. A five story building broke into a roaring blaze, a six alarm fire, three hundred and fifty smoke eaters battling it with all the Baltimore fire equipment.

Four workers in the building were trapped on the fourth floor, their escape cut off by the raging flames. But the firemen threw their high ladders up to the fourth floor. And they got the imperiled workers through the windows and helped them to climb down the long series of rungs to the street.

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At East Stranzey, New Hampshire, the town's only industry had a fire today -- a bucket factory. With all those buckets, thousands of them, the factory was destroyed. Buckets, buckets everywhere -- but not enough water! -- and

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY