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New England was xxx almost invisible today--just a blank expanse of white. The northeastern coastline had one of the worst fogs in years. Traffic tied up all over the place, automobiles creeping along the highways, with headlights trying to stab through the mist. You can imagine what it did to ships along the shore. Boats at a standstill everywhere, a raucous symphony of fog horns. Large vessels held up in the Cape Cod Canal. As for the air lines, traffic through the sky was stopped by the two-word warning--visibility zero.

THANKSGIVING

The most thankful state in the Union this year may be Arizona. That commonwealth down on the Mexican border may have not one ~~Thankf~~ Thanksgiving Day, but two.

The Governor agrees with President Roosevelt about changing the date of the feast of gratitude. He has announced his ~~the~~ intention of following the Presidential suggestion for making Thanksgiving Day a week earlier, November 23rd, the third Thursday of the month. That being settled, somebody took a look at the state constitution and discovered that the document has its own say about Thanksgiving. The Arizona constitution specifies that the feast must be held on the last Thursday of November, the traditional day. This year--November 30th.

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So unless the Governor changes his mind and decides not to follow the President Roosevelt injunction, or unless the legislature has a special session and amends the state constitution, Arizona will have two Thanksgiving Days. If Arizona does, I suppose Arizona should also have twice as much to be thankful for--which may or may not be the case. ~~Anyway it's constitutions before making decisions--they might know their state constitutions to begin with. The President also might have thought of local~~

CHINA

Warships and troop transports of Japan are reported to be concentrating at the extreme southern end of the China coast. This is confirmed by a British destroyer which passed that way today and espied a great fleet of warships and boatloads of soldiers. This would indicate that the Japanese are about to make a landing and take possession. The chief port of those regions is Pakoi on the Gulf of Tonking. That's right near the border of China and French Indo-China, the French-controlled province of Tonking.

The news dispatch is from Hongkong, and it gives us the explanation that a new Japanese invasion near the ~~Indo~~ Indo-China border would be another Japanese move to encircle ^{or paralyze} the British Hongkong Colony--part of which is on the island and part on the mainland. However, the map shows the Indo-China frontier to be quite a distance from Hongkong. And it may be that the Tokyo purpose is to block the route by which military supplies are transported from the French colony to Nationalist China.

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GERMAN TROOPS

War scare news is featuring German troop movements.

Paris reports that the French Foreign Office received word today that large numbers of German soldiers have been landed in East Prussia--on the northern border of Poland. Previous reports told of German concentrations in Silesia--on the western border of Poland. These military ~~movements~~ movements only emphasize the belief that Hitler is getting ready for a showdown.

DANZIG

(In Germany high Nazi officials are quoted as saying today that Hitler will have a quick solution of the Danzig issue -- even if it leads to war. And not only Danzig -- the Polish corridor also.) That's ^{the latest} ~~the latest~~ development -- the extension of ~~Naz~~ ^{Nazi} claims to include the whole bitter question of the Polish way to the sea which divides East Prussia from the rest of Germany. And furthermore, the German press is blazing on the subject of German minorities in other parts of Poland. Newspapers claim that five thousand Polish-Germans are under arrest, and charge a ~~reign~~ reign of terror. These were precisely the tactics the Nazis used before Munich, for the ~~dis~~ dismemberment of Czech-Slovakia.

High Nazis are quoted today in these words: "To back down ~~n~~ now would be as dangerous as it would be to lose a war."

In the city of Danzig the local Fuehrer made a big speech today in which he denounced the League of Nations control over Danzig and defied Poland.

REICH PURCHASES

Figures on the commodity market take a significant if not sinister turn today. London reports a spurt of buying - purchases of copper and rubber. The sudden big customer is Germany--and copper and rubber are two of the most important necessities for war.

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Copper traders on the London Metal Exchange had one of their biggest days today--selling thirty-two hundred and fifty tons of copper in the morning session alone. Yesterday for the whole day only two hundred and fifty tons were handled. Why did Germany place such a flock of orders for copper today? We can ask the same question about rubber. Heavy German demands sent today's price to a new high for the year.

Other reports in London are that the Hitler Reich has placed large orders with Turkey for raw material, and the stipulation is--delivery in Germany before the end of August. For months the world has been looking anxiously at that date, which is expected to bring a focus of war peril--the end of August.

HITLER AND DANCER

Here's something that ought to make my old friend Dale Carnegie blush a deep crimson. Another story of an American girl dancer who made a hit with Hitler. She's Miriam Verne of Pittsburgh. On arriving in London today she praised the Fuehrer to the skies. "He likes everything American," says Miriam, ~~and~~ and she added that the brown shirt dictator just adores American rhythm, especially the way American blondes dance it. She said the Fuehrer was such a nice friendly fellow. "He makes you feel like an old friend," she declares. He must have read "How to Win Friends and Influence People." So, page Dale Carnegie, ~~and is his~~

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~~face red.~~

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Today the Dies Committee heard some ~~startling~~ things about the Deutsch America Bund--heard them from a nineteen-year-old girl who used to be a leader in the Bund Youth Movement. Helen Vooros of Brooklyn testified that she quit the organization of Nazi Youth of America for reasons of morality--moral conditions in a Youth Camp. She said a camp leader, a local Fuehrer, made advances to her.

At the afternoon session she appeared before the Committee clad in a Youth Movement uniform, blue skirt, white blouse, and brown tie. And she told how she had been one of a group of young men and women who had gone on a trip to Germany and been received by Hitler. "He said," she testified, "that he was Fuehrer of all the Germans, whether they were at the North Pole or the South Pole." She declared that the group of fifteen boys and fifteen girls were given instructions in Nazi propaganda. They were told that Germany would first take Austria and then Czechoslovakia. Since that time this has^d been accomplished. Then Hitler would get Danzig, the Polish Corridor, African colonies, Scandinavian countries, and finally the Nazis would look toward America. That would be in ten or twenty years.

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The witness told a sad story about food in Germany.

The American group was invited for dinner. "I was never so starved in all my life," she testified plaintively, "all they served was sauerkraut and pigs' knuckle^s", said she. Dainty and unfilling tidbit, pigs knuckle^s and sauerkraut.

SPEEDBOAT

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There was a flash and foam of speed on the water in England today. The speedster was Sir Malcolm Campbell, renowned for swift exploits on both land and water. He took his speedboat, "Bluebird the Second" out over a measured mile, and made an officially timed run at a hundred and thirty-four miles an hour. No man has ever gone so fast on the water before. Yet that hundred and thirty four mile an hour clip amid spray and foam will not be entered on the record books. Regulations require that in order to set a record you must do a mile twice over--there and back--in both directions. Sir Malcolm Campbell did it only one way today. Couldn't drive the return mile because of mechanical trouble. Something went wrong with the cooling system of the Bluebird, and he couldn't make the second run.

AUTOMOBILE

It would be unusual if summer failed to feature the dateline--Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. Somebody is almost sure to be trying to break the speed record ^{on} ~~of~~ wheels--out there where the salt flats provide such perfectly level racing ground.

Today John Cobb of England didn't seriously try for the record. He was just tuning up his sixteen hundred horsepower racer. He tuned it up at the rate of a few seconds less than three-hundred-and-fifty-three miles an hour. The record held by Captain Eyston of England is three-hundred-and-fifty-seven and a half miles an hour.

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Last summer was dramatized, on the salt flats, by a thrilling duel between the two Britishers, Cobb breaking Eyston's record, and Eyston coming right back the next day and smashing Cobb's record. This year there won't be anything so dramatic as a duel. Eyston is not competing. Cobb has the salt flats all to himself for his attempt to out-speed his fellow countryman. He may try his record-breaking any day now--after his dazzling tune-up today.

SAFETY

Information concerning safety movements and campaigns for safety on the highways comes to my desk nearly every day.

Occasionally there is an item that is rather unusual. Here

is one for example: *It's from the Nat. Safety Council. Here's what it says! -*

"The truck driver, Mr. and Mrs. Private Driver, doesn't think much of your ability to pilot an automobile safely!

"For years you've called this same truck driver a road hog or worse, and screamed that there ought to be a ~~in~~ law to keep trucks off the road.

"But times have changed. And the National Safety Council today announced results of studies that show the commercial vehicle driver has greatly improved his safety record in recent years, while that of the private car driver has become

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worse. *The report says that* "Since 1927 the number of ~~in~~ trucks involved in fatal accidents has decreased 29 per cent. The number of buses involved in fatal accidents has dropped forty-one per cent during the same period.

"But the number of passenger cars involved in fatal

accidents since 1927 has increased twenty-one per cent!

Is it any wonder, then, that the truck and bus driver feel they are entitled to toss back a few opinions of their own at the private driver?"

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SHOPLIFTER

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Down in Texas police have in custody an earnest and erudite student, a tall striking brunette who proudly proclaims that she holds the degree of G.S.L. That signifies--Graduate of Shoplifting. She says she did her studying in the Oklahoma Penitentiary, where she spent some time among accomplished ~~shoplifters~~ shoplifters who acted as professors. Having been released with the degree of G.S.L. she teamed up with another earnest scholar - Marie Barrow by name. Sister of the late and notorious Texas bandit, Clyde Barrow, who ended his career in a blaze of gunfire.

The two shoplifting ladies sojourned in the town of Wills Point, and the police say they just about lifted the town. They shoplifted the whole place. For days the Wills Point merchants notices how their stocks of merchandise were dwindling at an astonishing rate, but there was no corresponding increase in the cash register. It looked as if all the merchandise were vanishing.

The ~~two~~ two lady lifters were finally caught, their automobile found to be crammed with drygoods and groceries.

Today the graduate of shoplifting boasted of her degree

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of G.S.L.: "In my course at the Oklahoma Penitentiary," she said, "I learned how to conceal even canned goods under my clothing. Why, I can do a tap dance," she bragged, "and the canned goods won't fall out."

This apt scholar is now on her way back to school, for post graduate work in the Penitentiary. And when she gets out again she'll probably be able to lift the Empire State Building.

PIGS

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In the bustling city of Los Angeles street traffic was buzzing along busily today, when the weirdest possible thing happened. A big truck had a crack-up, a truck carrying a lot of pigs, and the pigs got loose--fifty-six of them. Fifty-six porkers went charging through the streams of cars, and in a minute traffic was in a dizzy snarl.

Whereupon Los Angeles had a pig hunt, one of the most exciting on record. Scores of police and volunteer citizens chased porkers all over the place. They were having a tough time, when out of the crowd of spectators stepped an angel--yes, that public benefactor was nothing less than an angel. He was a hog-caller. And immediately Los Angeles streets echoed with the siren strains of the hog-calling voice. Sixteen pigs answered the persuasive yodeling and were captured. Thirty others were lassoed or otherwise nabbed by police and ^{a pig} posse. Three big porkers were run down in one of the city's most fashionable cocktail lounges. Four pigs were run over in the traffic. And at last reports three were still at large, at large in Elysian Park, where there are ~~magnifikt~~ magnificent beds of rare flowers. The pigs rooting among the priceless exotic blooms, ripping up the gardens.

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MAE WEST

Today Mae West said the ~~xxx~~ equivalent of seven words to Dr. Frank Buchman. The doctor is the founder and pontiff of what are called the Groups, the Oxford Movement--moral rearmament. *that Mae West spoke*
The seven words [^] are those familiar ones--"Come up and see me some time." And the doctor instantly did. He called on Mae today, and talked about moral rearmament, while a press agent got the story and the photographers snapped the pictures.

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Said Mae West to Dr. Frank Buchman: "At ^{heart} ~~xxx~~ I practice moral rearmament myself." ~~Seems hardly necessary to re-arm Mae-- she has generously proportioned arms as it is.~~

Dr. Buchman may have had something like that in mind, when he said "You're a wonderful woman, Miss West."

The benevolent Mae wasn't keeping all the moral rearmament to herself. She mentioned her co-workers, W.C. Fields. "Moral rearmament," she told Dr. Buchman, "is just the thing he needs. Give it to him in a bottle," she added, "and he'll go for it." Why Mae, that isn't moral rearmament you get in a bottle. That's Dutch courage. *And s-l-u-Munday.*

WEDDING

In Mexico there was a wedding today which ^{made} ~~hit~~ the news. The bridegroom is fifty-one years older than the bride. It certainly does ^{sound} ~~seem~~ like one of those child bride affairs.

However, she's not scandalously young, no mere infant. She's sixty-five, which makes the bridegroom a hundred and sixteen. He started courting her in Nineteen Eight, thirty-one years ago when he was a mere eighty-five. Well, those long courtships may work out all right--if you live long enough.

~~And s-l-u-Monday.~~

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