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SOVIET GODLESS

(Today an alarming statement was issued in Moscow- that is, alarming to the Communist comrades . Thirty Million people in Russia still worship God.) To which the comrades groan- horrors, shocking, something must be done about it!

Today at a conference of the League of the Godless, ^{in Moscow,} the atheistic chieftain, Yaroslowsky, declared in an accusing tone that religion still flourishes in Russia- even after all the anti-religious propaganda and pressure by the ruling Communists. "Prisoners of religion!" Yaroslowsky shouted angrily, and he spoke these words:- "Not only old men and old women go to church,"

quoth

Yaroslowsky. But there are many facts to testify that many young Communists are prisoners of religion." Of the two hundred and forty million people in Russia, thirty million still worship God, which seems an alarming proportion to the Red Comrades.

FOREIGN

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The foreign situation was quiet today- quiet, that is, for these times of trouble. Foreign minister Chamberlain gave warning about Danzig. He told a women's meeting of his conservative party today that he favored a peaceful settlement of the German Polish dispute over that Baltic seaport. But he added that if Hitler should take Danzig by force and thereby endanger the independence of Poland, a general war would break out- and Great Britain would be in it.

Soviet Russia is still the focus of diplomacy- with Moscow proposing that Poland be taken into a ~~military~~ military alliance with ~~the~~ Great Britain and France and Russia. So the Stalin idea of a ~~the~~ three-power military pact is now expanded to four.

Moscow is not ~~not~~ satisfied with London's proposals and reassurances. Moscow puts aside British statements that the Red Army would be required to fight only if Great Britain and France were already in the battle. If the Soviets guarantee the democracies against Hitler aggression, they want in turn to be guaranteed by the democracies. In other words, words that we've been hearing for days, Red Dictator Stalin wants an iron clad military alliance with the democracies, so that in any war they'll all fight together.

ADD EUROPE

The League of Nations enters the European picture once again, after being absent for a long time. Today the League agreed to postpone its May fifteenth meeting to give London and ^{Moscow} ~~Moscow~~ more time for their negotiations. The Foreign Ministers of Great Britain, France ~~and~~ and the ^{Soviets} ~~United States~~ are due to consult in Geneva when ~~the~~ the league meets again, and today's ^{postponement} ~~announcement~~ was taken to indicate that they're likely to arrive at a compromise, some sort of anti-aggression pact to present to the league.

KING.

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The voyage of King George and Queen Elizabeth came to a halt today, a delay. The liner EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIS stopped and stood still on the ocean-because of fog. Approaching the American coast, the liner with the royal visitors aboard ran into such dense blinding mist, it seemed perilious to proceed-that same old fog off New *foundland.*
~~Bank.~~ From the deck of the liner the King and Queen couldn't see the two cruisers of the royal escort. They merely gazed into the blank whiteness of fog. The delay out there on the sea is not likely to last long. A change of wind is expected, a breeze that will blow away the bank of mist.

COAL

The critical danger of a nation wide soft coal shortage seems to have been averted today. The federal labor mediator, John R. Steelman, made this statement. "So far as the public is concerned, the deadlock is over," said he. At his suggestion (the ~~the~~ miners' union agreed to sign contracts with such individual companies as might want to. It's no settlement between the union and the association of coal owners- just a case of some ~~some~~ individual companies signing up on a union shop basis.)

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This is expected to put a ~~a~~ hundred thousand odd men back to work, with the immediate resumption of coal production in some mines at least. And that should ~~the~~ ease off the critical shortage.

SPRINGFIELD

Even if they ^{people here} do feel oppressed by taxes I have found a city where the ^{citizens} ~~people~~ don't seem a bit dejected.

If they ^{ever} had a depression ^{here} they look upon it as ancient history. They are not living in the past, but in the present and ^{the} future. ~~That~~ ^{The name of the} city is ~~Springfield,~~ ^{Springfield,} Massachusetts. Why, they even ^{seem to} have a shortage of labor.

But, if you are looking for a job don't make a wild dash for Springfield --

unless you are a skilled workman. ^{TP} The New England Yankees are resourceful

^{They always have been, and} people. ^{TP} Here ~~ix~~ in Springfield they apparently have solved their economic

problems ^{anyhow} to a considerable extent, by doing new things, creating new

industries. Here are just a few examples: ^{TP} E. V. Johnson, President of a great paper company, U.S. Envelope, has been telling me of the new types

of envelopes they have developed, envelopes that seal x themselves. You

needn't use a sponge and you needn't lick 'em with your tongue. You

just insert your letter, make a few passes like a magician, and presto

the envelope is sealed. ^{TP} Colonel Charles Speaks, President of one of the

World's leading rubber corporations -- remember the little boy and his

pajamas with the candle, ^w ~~yan~~ning? -- well, the Colonel is full of the

great things his concern is doing to promote safety on the highways;

also full of what his vast ~~px~~ plant has done to make the workmen happy,

so they never want to resign and go ^{else} ~~any~~ where. ~~else~~. So I heard nothing

but optimistic words spoken by ^{TP} Colonel Speaks! Springfield is also one

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of the firearm centers of America. We don't want war either today or tomorrow.

But, we ^{can't afford to be} ~~have to avoid being~~ left too far behind other nations ^{when it comes to} ~~And,~~
 ~~weapons of defense.~~

Colonel Stewart of the Springfield Armory, where all those famous Springfield

rifles were made during the World War, tells me they ~~is~~ now have a new rifle,

a new weapon for infantrymen that surpasses ~~anything~~ anything in the world —

increasing the fire power of the individual soldier by two and a half

^{TP} times. S. C. Hope, President of a manufacturing firm that turns out gasoline

pumps for various oil companies, including some of the Blue Sunoco equipment

for my own sponsor, ~~the Sun Oil, Company,~~ has been telling me of the great

strides made here, ^{TP} in his domain. And, J. C. Wicks, President of a huge

plastics firm has shown me what seems ~~right~~ like a veritable World of

Tomorrow, a world in which almost ~~everything~~ everything can be made

^{all come} ~~synthetically~~ from products that ~~are~~ ^{are} right from the brain of man. ~~It~~

In his field, ^{seven league} ~~great~~ strides have been made all during the depression. ^{It's an}

^{Aladdin-like} ~~It is the~~ story of a firm that started with ^Q ~~the~~ capitalization of five

thousand dollars ^{that has now grown} ~~and has now increased,~~ to sixty-seven millions! ^{IT} It is

encouraging to come to a community like this. ^{Inhabited by people who are} ~~People are so~~ full of hope.

And, that's the picture I have gotten today here in Springfield.

Sitting here beside me at the Hotel Kimball, at a ^{gathering of} ~~meeting of~~

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the Advertising Club of Springfield, sitting here is the new Republican

Governor of Massachusetts, Governor Saltonstall. Governor, I hope Spring-

field is typical of ^{your state in this year} ~~the Massachusetts~~ of 1939. I wonder if it is?

GOVERNOR SALTONSTALL:

Duryea.

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DURYEA

Some weeks ago in Kokomo, Indiana the daughter of Elwood Haynes, one of the automobile pioneers, told the story of how her father had built his first car. That ^{radio} episode created quite a hullabaloo. An avalanche of letters and telegrams poured in ~~saying~~ saying: "Why, don't you know, that the first car was built by Charles Duryea?" For example, one of these messages came from the distinguished ^{head} ~~editor~~ of the Automotive News, which ^{is} ~~was~~ known as the newspaper of the automobile world. Said Publisher George ~~Stix~~ Slocum: "Our editor has determined that it was Duryea who built the first car".

The son of Charles Duryea is here at this dinner. Jerry Duryea, the automobile in America is apparently forty-seven years old. Is that so?

MR. DURYEA: Right. And the Smithsonian Institute in Washington credits my father with having built it!"

L.T. And that would make Springfield, Massachusetts the home of the first automobile.

MR. DURYEA: Absolutely. I have devoted years of effort to clearing ~~up~~ up the old controversy. I have devoted a considerable part of my life to settling the point. And, it is now admitted, by all, that Springfield was the home of the automobile.

L.T.: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ I for one ^{ought to} ~~should~~ be deeply grateful to your father,

because it is not only gas that makes the automobile go but it is also

Blue Sunoco gas that makes my broadcast ^{go.} ~~possible.~~

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FOR THE GOVERNOR

Yes, I think Springfield is typical. I guess by now everyone knows that New England went through some years of anguish and pain - those years when many of our textile industries moved away. But, new industries have come in to take their place - industries of the type you have referred to. Science is changing the whole picture, greatly to the advantage of our New England towns and cities. In the short time I have been Governor of Massachusetts I have gotten around a large part of the State, and what these gentlemen have told me is typical of what you would hear in many places. Thank heaven for that, and may we have many years of peace in which to enjoy the prosperity which we feel is ahead of us.

NOTE -- Kill the first paragraph of the explosion story and substitute the following for the lead.

Explosion

Chicago's grain elevator explosion today was a catastrophe of simply fantastic violence- that blast which shook the south side of the mid-western ^{metropolis.} ~~metropolis.~~ At last reports there were still doubts of how many perished. At least eight and possibly twice that many say the reports--men who were working in the grain elevator when it blew up, men who simply vanished.

~~metropolis~~

~~(Kill the Reference to Weather in the school coal fire, it belongs the following story)~~

**MINIMUM
EXPLOSION**

~~Chicago's terrific grain elevator explosion today seems to have claimed the lives of eleven men who are missing. They were working in the grain elevator when it blew up, and vanished in the blast and the fire. Four other men are in the hospital, critically injured. The damage, ~~is up toward~~ ^{is up toward} a million dollars.~~

The Rosenbaum Company had three great grain elevators, wooden structures a hundred and fifty feet tall. They were crammed with wheat, grain, barley and oats- ~~eight hundred thousand~~ ^{2 million} bushels of grain! one of the lofty elevators exploded. The firemen say the blast was caused by spontaneous combustion, and this in turn was caused by the weather.

Yesterday it was warm in Chicago, the temperature up to seventy. During the night the thermometer fell rapidly, down to forty-four. This morning it was rising again, rising rapidly, getting warm in a hurry. These temperature changes, with the swift rise, caused fire to generate in the elevator crammed with grain- and it blew up.

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Some sort of dust explosion, and if you don't think that can be violent- just listed ^N to this eye-witness account of the ~~explosion~~ explosion of ~~the~~ the wooden structure a hundred and fifty feet tall.

An office clerk in a building two blocks away describes it in these words: " The explosion shook our building," he ~~says~~ says, "and I looked out of the window. The roof of the Rosenbaum elevator was rising into the air. It seemed to hang there for an instant and then disintegrate. It just fell apart, he ~~continues~~ continues, "A cloud ~~of~~ of dust or smoke soared up, and the flames broke through."

That's how the explosion is described. It shook buildings for a radius of a mile, and blew out windows for many blocks around. From the shattered and burning ruins of the one grain elevator the fire immediately spread to the other two, and they were ablaze. The fire was as tremendous as the blast. The flames could be seen ~~from~~ from sky scrapers of the Chicago Loop twelve miles away. A hundred units of fire apparatus and four hundred firemen rushed to battle the blaze, but the heat was so intense they couldn't get near to it- not on the land side.

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Only fire boats in the Calumet River could get close enough to
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~~---~~ hurl streams of water on the raging fire and wood and grain.

~~-----~~ A veritable cataclysm of blasting flame.

The immense heat turned steel braces into molten metal, and water from fire hoses evaporated and turned into steam before it ever touched the flaming structures.

MURDER SYNDICATE

Philadelphia's gruesome and fantastic poison syndicate case becomes more and more involved with witchcraft. Hex, as they call it in the mountains of Pennsylvania. It would appear that the merchants of murder conducted their system of poisoning for insurance largely through the medium of ~~magic~~ witchcraft.

Hex is a Pennsylvania Dutch peculiarity, but it seems to have spread extensively to the poorer Italian sections.

Today Mrs. Josephine Romualdo declared her innocence of the charge of having a hand in the poisoning of her husband. She blamed it all on Hex. Through her attorney she issued a statement which reads like this

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"I am completely innocent," her statement says.
"It is true that I am a believer in Hex and have been all my life. I heard about the reputation of Mrs. Carina Favato, who lived in my neighborhood." The accused woman continues, "I went to her and told her my husband was acting strange and cool toward me. And Mrs. Favato said to me, 'Now I am going to start a love potion.' and she showed me a bottle filled with liquid"

The statement goes on to tell how the witness secretly administered this love potion to her husband, and presently

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ADD MURDER SYNDICATE

he fell ill and died-[^]arsenic poisoning.

That, they say, is one way the merchants of death used HEX
in poisoning their victims- to collect insurance.

DERRINGER

~~Pitcher~~
Pitcher Paul Derringer of the Cincinnati Reds was hit hard today. Not on the diamond, but in a New York courtroom. The jury socked the crack Cincinnati pitcher to the tune of eight thousand dollars in damages.

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All this because of a row in a Philadelphia hotel three years ago. There was some kind of ruction between Derringer and Robert E. Condon, who used to be executive vice-president of the American Legion. Condon sued Derringer for twenty five thousand dollars, declaring that the burly pitcher beat him up wantomly and without justification, socked him and kicked him, and injured him severely.

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Derringer admitted it was a put-out. Common enough in baseball, a put-out. But in this case it was ~~putting~~ putting somebody out of a room. Derringer claimed that the former Legion vice-president invaded his room, interrupted a long distance telephone call, and wouldn't get out. So Derringer put him out-ejecting him forcibly and emphatically.

The judge today told the jury that it was a question of whether or not Derringer had used unjustifiable force in the put-out, to which the ~~jurors~~ jurors' answer is "Yes." not a
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twenty five thousand dollar put-out, however. Just eight thousand dollars worth of unjustifiable force, said the jury.

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The subject of baseball naturally leads on to basketball which has been sweeping the country. Basketball was invented here where I am tonight - invented by Dr. Jas. Naismith at Springfield College. Another first for Springfield.

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And s-l-u-t-m.