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The United States Supreme Court opened its session today with more than the usual ceremony. It began with an announcement from Chief Justice Hughes. In quiet but solemn tones he said: "Mr. Stanley Reed of Kentucky has been nominated for the office of Associate Justice of this Court and the nomination has been confirmed by the Senate." Then he added: "Mr. Reed is present. The Clerk will read his commission. Mr. Reed will take the oath of office prescribed by the statutes and the marshal will escort him to his seat."

Thereupon the entire court, justices, spectators, and everybody, including Mrs. Reed, rose to their feet. Then Mr. Charles Elmore Cropley, Clerk of the Supreme Court, read ^{Stanley} ~~the~~ Reed's commission. After that, ^{the new justice} ~~Mr. Reed~~ solemnly raised his hand and in sonorous voice repeated the oath required of all judges in Uncle Sam's courts. Before this public performance, Mr. Reed had appeared in the private office of the Chief Justice and taken the constitutional oath that all government employees have to swear.

After taking the oath, Mr. Reed was ceremoniously conducted to his seat at the extreme left of the Chief Justice and

so he became the seventy-seventh man to serve ^{on the bench of} ~~as a justice of the~~
^{our highest} ~~the~~ court. There ~~were only seven of his colleagues to welcome~~
~~him, as Mr. Benjamin Cardozo is still seriously ill. Washington~~
~~observers point out that~~ ^{And} this gives the New Deal a solid majority
of five ~~liberals~~ on that supreme bench.

SUPREME COURT

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The Supreme Court, having inducted its new member,
proceeded to hand down a most important decision. It concerned
the National Labor Relations Board. Two shipbuilding corporations
~~had brought suit in the lower courts, against the Board. They~~
~~had been accused of unfair labor practices. The Board wanted to~~
involved in hearings
~~hold hearings. The Companies went to the Courts and asked for~~

injunctions. *TP* The Supreme Court's opinion, written ~~and~~ and read
by Justice Brandeis, made another sweeping New Deal victory.

"The Federal Courts," said Mr. Brandeis, "had no power to stop
the National Labor Relations Board from holding hearings."

~~However, when it comes to enforcing the orders of the Board,~~
However
~~that's a horse of another color.~~ The Board has no power to

enforce its own orders. They have to be enforced by the courts.

And that's where either employers or employees have their remedy
against what they consider unjust orders.

That decision, by the way, was unanimous. That is to
say, eight justices concurred including the conservatives.
Mr. Cardozo, on account of his illness, had nothing to do with it.

While ^{Justice} ~~the~~ Reed was being sworn in, some of the senators were throwing barbed words in the ~~the~~ ^{fix} direction of ~~the~~ Robert H. Jackson. As we have been hearing, ~~the~~ Jackson is to succeed ~~the~~ Reed as Solicitor General. The Sub-committee of the Senate's Committee on Judiciary held a hearing about ~~the~~ ^{this}. Democratic Senator King of Utah uttered the principal note of skepticism: "I want to question Mr. Jackson," said the Utah Senator, "concerning his views on our form of government." And then up spake Republican Senator Austin of Vermont. He aimed his questions at Attorney General Cummings who was present as a witness to testify to ^{Robt.} ~~the~~ Jackson's many virtues. Senator Austin asked Mr. Cummings:- "Are you familiar with speeches made by Mr. Jackson during the month of January?" He meant, of course, those acid ^{Jackson} attacks ~~on certain representatives~~ of big business. The ~~A~~ttorney General admitted that he knew about them in a general way. Then the gentlemen from Vermont wanted to know:- "Do they reflect the attitude of the Department of Justice?" To that Mr. Cummings made a smooth and agile reply,

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saying: "In all fairness, those speeches represent the views of a highly and efficient member of the Department of Justice."

Then ^{Sen,} ~~Mr.~~ King of Utah wanted to know:- "But, do they bind the Department of Justice?" and to that the Attorney General replied:

"No."

~~Senator Austin then said he wanted to interrogate Mr. Jackson about those speeches on some later date. And he instructed Mr. Jackson, who was present, to bring those manuscripts with him. To that Mr. Jackson replied with a smile: "I think they've all been put in the Congressional Record."~~

HARDY

The principal excitement in official Washington today was over the shooting of an Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Russell Hardy, the wounded official, had ~~EMME~~ caustic words to say about the police of Alexandria, Virginia, the place where he was shot. The police in return spoke caustically about Mr. Hardy. What's more, they held him in Five hundred Dollar● bail as a material witness. And, they're displeased because Mr. Hardy won't tell them the name of the lady who was with him when he was shot. Mr. Hardy, for his side, said it was none of the policemen's business, that the lady had nothing to do with the shooting and he did not intend to have her name involved in the case. And he added: "After I was taken to the hospital it was an hour before the police arrived. Whereupon," he said, "they treated me as though I were a guilty person."

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The Assistant Attorney General says it was a pan-handler who shot him. He was in his car parked outside a hotel. When he refused money, the beggar pulled out a pistol and fired. ~~At this time, the lady who had accompanied him was in the lobby of the~~

hotel, ~~saw nothing of what had happened and could give no information.~~

The Alexandria police are combing the neighborhood for all the pan-handlers and questioning them. One sixty-five year old beggar is being detained at police headquarters.

Late this afternoon Mr. Hardy's gallantry and reticence became unnecessary. The lady in the case came forward candidly and said: "I am the mysterious red-headed woman. As a matter of fact, she added: "There's no mystery about me. I've nothing to conceal." ~~She continued: "Mr. Hardy and I went for a drive yesterday afternoon. When we reached Alexandria I asked him to stop for a couple of minutes at the hotel as I wanted to go inside."~~

Her story corroborated ^S Mr. Hardy's in every detail.

~~She went to the lady's dressing room in the hotel and when she returned to the lobby, Mr. Hardy met her, saying he had been held up and shot. He then urged her to return to Washington by train as he himself needed to go to a hospital and there was no need for her to remain.~~

The lady is described as ^a ~~attractive red-headed~~ clerk in the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice.

That's the division in which Mr. Hardy is Special Assistant

Attorney General.

And while she,

~~her name is Mrs. Elizabeth Connor Buchanan.~~

~~While Mrs. Buchanan~~ was issuing her statement, Mrs. Hardy

was visiting her husband at the hospital in Alexandria, *she and* her

three children. ~~with her~~ Later she brought Mr. Hardy from the

hospital to Washington in an ambulance.

NAVY

Members of the House received a serious warning about the Navy today. It was uttered by Rear Admiral Leahy, chief of naval operations. The gist of his message was Uncle Sam must build warships or take the consequences. And he suggested that those consequences might be ~~most disastrous~~ ^{disastrous}. "There's nothing ~~to~~ ^{but} the Monroe Doctrine," he said, "to prevent the seizure of the Central American Republics by some foreign power." And he added: "There's nothing to protect the Monroe Doctrine but a strong American Navy." Then he went on to tell the House Naval Committee about more cogent facts. "The entire naval situation of the world has changed since the Washington conference. The old five-five-three ratio has been knocked into a cocked hat, ^{for which} ~~for that~~ both Japan and ^{Great Britain} ~~John Bull~~ are responsible."

Some of the Congressmen showed fear that a strong navy might encourage an aggressive, imperialistic foreign policy. Chairman Vinson of the Committee put this question to the Admiral: "Would the increases proposed for the Navy permit a policy of policing the world?" To which the Admiral replied: "Far from ^{it!}" ~~that~~. They wouldn't be even sufficient to let us become aggressive

~~against any foreign naval power~~

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Representative Maas of Minnesota asked:- "Would they enable us to wage an aggressive war against a foreign power?" To which the Admiral answered:- "They would not. For that they would need to be three times as great." Then he reminded the Representatives:- "A Navy cannot be created on the outbreak of war since the largest ships take at least three years to build." And he said further, even with all the new warships recommended by the President, our Navy wouldn't be large enough to protect us if we were attacked on both coasts at once. He pointed out that there are several combinations of foreign powers that might gang up against us. Representative Maas asked him about the possibility of help from ^{still} other powers. To that he replied:- "It is not possible for the United States to ~~we~~ expect assistance from anybody."

APOLOGY

The episode of the slapped American consul is over. The State Department has accepted the apology of the Japanese Government. This followed the receipt of a cable from Consul General Alison, he who *got* slapped. The Japanese high command has ordered the arrest and court martial of twenty-one of its soldiers. The [REDACTED] commanding officer and twenty [REDACTED] enlisted men of the unit that included the sentry who slapped our consul.

LEAGUE

The League of Nations finds itself in a fresh jam. If it paid literal respect to Article Sixteen of the Covenant, it would come to the help of China. That's the article that deals with sanctions against aggressor nations. And of course China's delegates at Geneva have been clamoring to have that article respected. But of course none of the powers want to do anything active or concrete, anything that would get them involved in Far Eastern waters.

Last Friday's suggestion died a quick death, the proposal to help China with arms and ~~ammunitions, and of course~~ ammunitions with the help of Uncle Sam. Tonight, the three principal League powers concocted a compromise resolution. The representatives of ~~Britain~~ Britain, France and Russia got together in secret and made it up between them. It's going to be suggested to the Council of the League tomorrow. The idea is that individual nations should help the Chinese, not as members of the League, but on their own account. And of course they will approach states that are not members, such as Uncle Sam, to chip in. ~~On that point Uncle Sam has already expressed itself quite emphatically through the mouth of Secretary Hull.~~

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PRINCESS

Guns roared today in Europe but they weren't loaded. They were a salute to a new royal baby. It was a fifty-one gun salute. Yes, Crown Princess Juliana has her wish, ^(the) ~~a~~ new royal personage is a girl.

The booming of that cannon was a signal for public rejoicing. Loyal Hollanders, old and young, male and female, rushed into the streets at the noise of that salute. All public places were filled with dancing, singing crowds. Streams of lights were turned on instantaneously as though by the touch of a wizard's wand. Flags and bunting suddenly made their appearance, fluttering in the breeze.

There will be another celebration tomorrow when the little Princess will be named in a formal ceremony. The Prime Minister and the Vice-President of the council of state, as well as the baby's royal grandmother, Queen Wilhelmina, will be present. In case you're interested - and what woman is not - the baby has blue eyes and light brown hair. In Europe they don't share our American custom of announcing a baby's weight, but we are informed that the little Dutch Princess is big and sturdy.

MEXICO

Exciting reports ~~come~~ from Mexico. Pitched battles; with not only police, but soldiers, fighting against armed bands. And those armed bands have been identified as members of an organization called "Los Dorados." That's the Spanish name for the Gold Shirts, the Mexican Fascisti. These clashes have taken place in several parts of the State of Tamaulipas. Four men were killed near Matamoros^e, eighteen are dead and many more wounded at Ramirez^{ee}. Both these points are close to the United States, not^t more than twenty miles from the border. ~~In fact there was fighting in several other places, with casualties.~~ General Gomez, Governor of the State of Tamaulipas, flew to Matamoros to investigate in person.

BRAZIL FOLLOW MEXICO.

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And here's a late dispatch from Brazil that tells a similar story. It comes from the heart of the jungle, in the State of Goyaz. An armed band, described as "political irregulars", swooped down upon the town of Porto Nacional; ~~They~~ set fire to several buildings and shot a number of people. The police, aided by volunteers, are having a hard time defending themselves. They are considerably outnumbered and have only a limited amount of ammunition. The radio station was put out of commission but not until the defenders of the town radioed a plea to the military commandant of the capital of the state. But that capital, Goyaz, is four hundred miles away from Porto Nacional. The forces attacking the town are led by two brothers whose father was killed apparently for political reasons. Their motive, revenge for their father's death.

PANTHER

In my Colorado days I used to hear the wail of the mountain lion. It makes your blood run cold. But we never paid much attention to it.

Well, at Ukiah, in California, a four year old little boy has been missing since Saturday. Today a posse of deputies looking for the child found his footprints in the Mendocino Mountains near Covelo. Beside those little footprints they found the fresh tracks of a panther. So all day the searchers have been combing the mountains with the aid of hounds.

WEATHER

The American climate is playing its customary pranks.

On the Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast it's rainy, warm and uncomfortable. In the middlewest and parts of the south ^{bitter} ~~is~~ cold and uncomfortable. But the warm temperatures aren't going to

last long in the east. Uncle Sam's forecaster in Chicago says there's a cold wave on its way from the middlewest. In Duluth the thermometer is twenty-four below. In Omaha, eight below.

In Memphis, Tennessee, twelve degrees of frost. At White River,

Ontario, fifty below. ^{And —} People on the Atlantic coast had better get ready for frost tonight. But, between the Alleghanies and the

Rockies, it will be warmer, tomorrow.

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Uncle Sam's weather bureau at Washington has ordered storm warnings hoisted between Boston and the ~~the~~ Virginia capes.

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Tonight's fashion note comes, appropriately enough, from the White House. The First Lady of the Land announces that she hasn't had her hair bobbed and she isn't going to have it bobbed. That's by way of an answer to thousands of her anxious correspondents who have heard the alarming rumor that she was about to ~~just~~ succumb to that fashion. If she had, she'd be the first mistress of the White House ever to follow ~~that~~ *the short-haired* style.

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In her downright fashion, Mrs. Roosevelt explained her reason. It isn't that she considers bobbed hair ~~to be~~ wrong, or improper, or undignified. It's because she needs the bun she wears ~~at~~ *at* the back of her head, ~~she~~ needs it to keep her hat on when she is riding with the President in open cars. She has an elastic fastened to all her hats and ~~these~~ *thus anchors* ~~thus fastens~~ the hats to ~~the~~ *the bun on* her head. Mrs. Roosevelt thinks it would be highly improper to stop the procession in honor of the President in order to recover the hat of the ~~wife of the President~~ *First Lady.* And, SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

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