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NAVY

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The outstanding word in Washington today was -- No. That monosyllable of negation was repeated three times with dramatic emphasis. It resounded at the hearing of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, which is considering appropriations for a bigger navy. In the earlier part of the proceedings Senator *Hiram* Johnson of California repeated his misgivings about the policy of the State Department and the Navy; ~~he~~ reiterated the suspicion that there's a naval agreement between the United States and Great Britain -- an understanding something like the one between London and Paris that drew Great Britain into the World War. The Senator is the author of a resolution demanding that the State Department make a declaration on three points.

Then right there, while the hearing was going on, the State Department made that ~~xx~~ three point declaration. Secretary Hull sent a letter to the Committee, a missive which was a three-fold ~~xxx~~ *denial.* The Chairman, Senator Key Pitman read the letter with

dramatic emphasis on each categorical No -- A, B, C. *A-no! B-no! C.-no!*

The letter went like this:- "In <sup>reference</sup> to point A which

reads :- 'Whether or not any alliance, agreement, or understanding

exists or is contemplated with Great Britain relating to war or the possibility of war' <sup>"The answer is No;"</sup> in response to point B which reads 'Whether or not there is any understanding or agreement, expressed or implied, for the use of the Navy of the United States in conjunction with any other nation,' the answer is No; with regard to point C which reads, 'Whether or nor there is any understanding or agreement, expressed or implied, with any nation, that the United States Navy, or any part of it, should police or patrol or be transferred to any particular waters or any particular ocean,' the answer is No.

This downright and public drama of ~~denial~~ denial should now set at rest all fear and worry that our government may be entangled in the perilous war-breeding-mazes of international politics. The State Department of the United States has pledged its word.

And here's a late flash -- President Roosevelt puts his O.K. on Secretary Hull's letter. He told the White House Press Conference that the <sup>declaration</sup> ~~letter~~ represents the facts.

FOLLOW STATE DEPARTMENT.

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The Senate hearings on appropriations to enlarge the American Fleet will have something to debate tomorrow -- this dispatch that just flashed from Tokio. Japan has joined the armament race. -- ~~Though~~ <sup>That</sup> though that's hardly news. But Japan now formally admits it. ~~And because~~ <sup>The</sup> ~~its~~ war Minister told the Japanese Parliament that <sup>the</sup> other nations by increasing their armaments were compelling Japan to do likewise. He mentioned the fact that Soviet Russia has made an aviation increase of 20% in the Far East, And has fifteen hundred planes at Vladivostok -- within easy striking distance of Japan.

In every Japanese mind an equal importance is attached to that American Naval expansion, now debated before <sup>the</sup> Senate Committee -- and sure to go through.

SHORTS

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There's such a press of news this evening, that I'll have to tell some of the tidings in brief bulletins. Not enough time for anything more. So here are some brevities.

The mayors of four big cities made an appeal to the White House today - the mayors of Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and St. Louis. Their appeal was for four hundred million dollars, which is quite an appeal. The mayors want that much for the W.P.A. to ease the unemployment condition in their cities.

The President gave out an announcement - that experts are studying the problem of more W.P.A. funds. They're trying to find ways to meet the extra needs for the relief of unemployment.

Owen D. Young of General Electric had a conference with President Roosevelt this afternoon. He said his visit concerned the National Youth Advisory Council. "Did you talk about business conditions?" he was asked. "We talked about all kinds of business," he replied. ~~You can beat the recession couldn't help creeping into the conversation.~~

There has been talk about Representative John J. O'Connor of New York becoming head of Tammany, ~~of New York~~. Today he said

"No" - he has no ambition to become the ~~big boss of Tammany~~ <sup>big boss of the Tiger</sup> or should I say <sup>chief nurse of the sick Tiger?</sup>

Senator Copeland of New York has been taking a leading hand in the investigation of reported bad conditions in the

American Mercantile Marine. <sup>There</sup> ~~He~~ has been ~~taking~~ talk of

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Communism among the maritime workers. Today the Senator proposed a full-fledged investigation. He suggested that a committee of five senators be named to look into the problem of sailors and ships.

Senator Copeland today also applied the term "Communist" to Harry Bridges, maritime labor leader on the west coast. Bridges has been a storm center in a lot of slam-bang labor trouble and today the Senator declared that all ~~evident~~~~points~~ evidence points to the redness of Bridges, a Communist.

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All seems to be sweetness and light in the conference between Steel and the Union. The United States Steel and the ~~Organized~~ Workers Organizing Committee had a session today,

trying to draft a new contract. From the conference we have such phrases as - "substantial progress", "there hasn't been a fight yet", and "everything friendly."

Dr. E. S. Garr was found "not guilty" today at Shelbyville, Kentucky. Remember him? One of the three brothers involved in the killing of General Denhardt, who had been accused of killing their sister. Two of the brothers have gone free, and now the third has faced the court, which today said - "not guilty."

~~A race today was won by Sonny. No, Sonny is not a boy but a boat, a fifty-four foot black hull cutter ~~wi~~ that outsailed all the other craft in the race. It was the hundred and eighty-four mile test for sailing - Miami to Nassau.~~

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Carl<sup>o</sup> Tresca is an old-time Red, an Italian who has been involved in many a radical labor scrap in this country. Now he comes forward with a story about a missing woman - a Miss Poyntz, who <sup>was</sup> a Communist leader in the United States. Tresca claims that Miss Poyntz was taken to Russia in some sneaky way by the Ogpe~~r~~ - because she knew too much, because she was too well

acquainted with secrets of the Reds of America. Tresca, for all his radical enthisiiasm, seems to have turned sour on ~~Soviet~~ the Soviet Union. The latest in this is - that the attorney for the missing Miss Poyntz says "nonsense" to the tale, that ~~she was taken to Russia~~ <sup>she's</sup> a prsioner of the Ogpu.

Today - the American Charge d'Affaires in Moscow did not see the much debated Mrs. Rubens who is in a Soviet prison. The Soviet authorities have promised to let him talk with her, but once more the issue has been put off - nothing doing.

A London newspaper declared today -- that -- Mussolini will fight no more in Spain. The Duce is drawing out -- because Generalissimo **F**ranco has proven himself to be a failure. That's the British version which goes on to say that the next step ~~that FRANK~~ Fascist Italy will take will be to come to terms with

Great Britain. *Meanwhile Franco keeps reporting a bigger and bigger victory on the Teruel front.*



GERMANY

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The trial of Pastor Niemoller in Germany took a dramatic turn today. That leader in the Lutheran Church abruptly dismissed his own lawyers, refused to be represented by them any longer. He is being tried secretly for being a leader among the Lutheran clergy in opposition to the Nazi regime.) He demanded that the public and representatives of the press be admitted to the court. That was refused by the judges. He asked his lawyers to repeat the appeal. They refused, saying that with the <sup>turn down</sup> ~~refusal~~ of the court, the matter was closed. With that, Paster Niemoller dismissed them - and announced that he would represent himself in his trial for opposition to the Nazis.

This sharpens the tenseness in the prosecution of the clergy <sup>German,</sup> ~~a~~ a climax in Nazi attemptsto control the Lutheran Church in Germany.

ROYALTY

Speculation in Paris bring<sup>s</sup> us a familiar theme -- ~~the~~ a visit of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to the United States. No not ~~xxxxxxx~~ housing this time. Another cause is ascribed.

It's a royal cause, most imposing -- the ~~visit~~<sup>journey</sup> announced today of King George and Queen Elizabeth to Paris. Their Majesties ~~will~~<sup>to</sup> make a visit of state to the capital of France, with all the pomp ~~and~~<sup>of</sup> international courtesy.

But what about the Duke and Duchess of Windsor? They're in Paris. The merest family ~~courtesy~~<sup>good manners</sup> would call for a meeting between the two royal brothers -- perhaps their wives. They say the Duke and Duchess may avoid the issue by leaving Paris at the time of the royal visit. ~~and with this~~<sup>The</sup> rumor comes that they may take this convenient occasion as a time for their much talked of trip to the U.S.A.

DIRIGIBLE

North Pole

The peril of the Soviet expedition floating on an ice cake has become an international affair. Today three nations combined forces for the task of rescue - Russia, Norway and Denmark. At Copenhagen there was a meeting today of the Greenland Board - ~~that is~~ <sup>which is</sup> an organization of experts on the far north. The Greenland Board drafted plans for ten different parties to cover the northern ocean between Cape Parry and Cape Dalton, ~~that is~~ the region ~~in which~~ <sup>where</sup> the Soviet party is <sup>now</sup> supposed to be drifting on an ice floe that is melting and breaking up.

*They've been out of wireless communication for 36 hrs.*

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The drama of rescue is all the more tense today because of the disaster to the Soviet dirigible, Russia's greatest, which was on its way to play a part in the adventure of relief. Today's investigation shows that the cause of the accident was - the weather. Poor visibility, a northern mountain top shrouded by blinding mist. The great dirigible ~~was in good~~ was in good shape. Its radio messages reported everything working okay, until suddenly the wireless was silent. The big ship hit the mountain top. Thirteen were killed of a crew of eighteen. Disaster in the air while ~~they're~~ trying to save men from the doom of the northern sea.

CAPONE

Scarface Al Capone - gone mad!. That's the report which drifts from Alcatraz. The former king of the Chicago underworld - raving with wild outbursts of song, arias from operas, ~~Selesta~~ Aida, Ridi Pagliaccio, like a tenor on the operatic stage. That's ~~fantaxi~~ the fantastic <sup>story</sup> ~~rumor~~ which comes from the forbidden fortress prison in San Francisco Bay.

Today the Department of Justice discloses that Scarface Al has been in the prison hospital since last Saturday. ~~He is~~ Under observation. The official statement declares that the doctors have not made a definite diagnoses of his case. <sup>But</sup> ~~his~~ condition is described with these words: "paralysis of the brain." <sup>Rumor</sup> Rumor ~~mentions~~ the dread malady - paresis.

~~It has been bruited that~~ Capone has been breaking under the strain of <sup>iron</sup> Alcatraz discipline. Not long ago, the guards noticed him in profound fits of melancholy, acting queerly.

Today, the "San Francisco News", in a copyrighted story, declares that the one-time lord of the prohibition racket has gone stark mad. "He spends hours," says the "News", laboriously making up his bed and taking it apart again." After the bed-making

he sits in that profound melancholy for long periods. Then he'll look up with a strange expression of bewilderment on his face, and often - he starts to sing. It's moody and characteristic that the ~~king~~ gang boss of underworld-murder bursts forth with arias of the Italian operas. After all, he's an Italian, reared to Rassinì and Verdi and Puccini. So in his ~~Italian~~ delusion he turns opera tenor and sings Cavalleria, Lucia, and Madame Butterfly.

*And to*  
~~The story is that Scarface Al has~~ climaxed it all *he went*  
*berserk* -  
he staged a sudden outbreak, spitting at his fellow convicts, kicking them, a raging mad man.

It is said that the authorities are planning to remove Scarface, from Alcatraz to a mental institution - for observation and treatment. Today's statement from the Department of Justice puts it this way:- "The Department has no intention," it says, "of transferring Capone to another institution, unless the diagnosis indicates that hospitalization in another institution is necessary."

So there's today's mad story of a gang lord singing opera.

GUNGIRL

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Early today in Boston, when night was turning into morning, a girl was walking along the street -apparently on her way home late. She was passing just in front of two policemen, when she stumbled and fell. She didn't hurt herself - it was worst than that. Her handbag flew open and ~~it~~ hit the sidewalk, and out of it popped a thirty-two calibre pistol. The two courteous cops, jumping to help a lady, were astonished at the sight of the nickel plated gun, as it glinted in the light of street lamps. They picked up the fallen girl, and carried her off to the station house for questioning.

~~She was~~ <sup>slight but most</sup> unnerved by her unfortunate accident. She talked - confessed. Why the gun in the handbag? The answer was - she was a gungirl, an underworld moll who carried <sup>S</sup> the pistol for a gangster - to save him from the law against concealed weapons.

She talked further. Under questioning she stated that her gangster boy friend had been involved in a sensational murder last December, the killing of David Breen, a labor racketeer nicknamed Beano. Her boy friend was the finger man, the one who

pointed Beano out to the killer. <sup>H</sup> She described a scene of underworld ferocity, Beano the labor Racketeer, ~~the victim, in~~ the lobby of a hotel, among other people there. The killer outside, but he didn't know which man he was to murder. The gungirl and her boyfriend walked into the hotel. She went to the desk as if to register, the boy friend pointed out the victim to the killer, ~~put the finger on Beano,~~ who immediately dashed in. Pistol fire - and murder was done. "On the way out," relates the gungirl, "he handed his revolver to my boy friend. We drove to the Summer Street bridge and threw the gun over the railing into the Fort Point Channel."

The boy friend has been arrested, and the police are looking for the killer - all because the girl stumbled on the street and fell in front of two policemen.

BASEBALL

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 Lou Gehrig is a hold-out - Colonel Ruppert ~~sure is~~ having  
<sup>more</sup> ~~his~~ troubles. The offer to Lou is thirty-six thousand dollars for  
 next season, which is exactly what he got last year. But Lou  
 demands a fifteen per cent increase which would bring his stipend  
 to forty-one thousand, four hundred dollars. So the "Iron Horse"  
 is ~~still~~ a hold-out, and Colonel Ruppert is calling it a "hold-up."  
 Talking to the newspaper men, he pointed to Lou and said:-  
 "There's the two-gun man. You can handle him - I'm through."

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~~But~~ <sup>everything:-</sup> ~~and now~~ hold ~~on~~ there's Joe diMaggio. He's demanding  
 fifty thousand dollars for next season. <sup>And</sup> that has Colonel <sup>Take</sup> ~~Ruppert~~  
 holding his breath. He said today:- "Joe is not going to get  
 one penny more than ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-five thousand dollars."

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 But, I can't hold out any longer, and -- SO LONG UNTIL  
 TOMORROW.