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GLASS

Here's a dispatch from Washington that ~~we've~~ <sup>has</sup> been wait<sup>ed</sup>  
~~ing~~ <sup>It seemed sure to come.</sup>  
~~for~~ all day. <sup>It is</sup> The reply of Senator Carter Glass of Virginia  
to President Roosevelt. <sup>Yes -</sup> It's a biting statement. <sup>The Senator</sup> ~~He~~ accuses the  
President of using his executive power to purge ~~himself, that is~~  
~~Senator~~ <sup>senatorial</sup> Glass, and his colleague Harry Byrd. <sup>Carter</sup> Glass ~~says~~ further  
that Mr. Roosevelt <sup>wrote</sup> ~~had written~~ him a letter about a dispute over  
a nomination to the federal bench of Virginia, <sup>and,</sup> In that letter,  
~~says Glass,~~ the President declared that if he chose he would  
consult with Nancy Astor, the Duchess of Windsor, the W.P.A.,  
a Virginia moonshiner, or Charlie McCarthy, about the nomination.  
The Virginia Senator adds: "I cheerfully absolve Charlie McCarthy  
from giving the advice designed to discredit the Virginia senators."

AMLIE

*From day to day we learn more and*  
~~Before the week is out we shall certainly know a good deal~~

*more*

<sup>^</sup> about Thomas R. Amlie. ~~And until the last week most of us knew~~  
~~nothing and cared less.~~ But apparently the one thing we won't  
know is whether he really has any capacity for the job of  
Interstate Commerce Commissioner to which President Roosevelt  
appointed him.

~~Republican Senator Austin of Vermont read extracts from an  
article that Amlie had written five years ago. One of the things  
he said was that 2 "capitalism is not worth saving." He also wrote  
that "a true American has always had a strong hankering for  
confiscation, beginning with the time of the dispossessing of the  
Indians."~~

Amlie admitted that once he had been compared to Hitler.  
The man who drew that comparison was John Strachey, the English  
Communist.

It was also recalled that in Nineteen Thirty-Seven, when  
Amlie was a Congressman, he had offered a bill called the  
"Industrial Expansion Bill." It never got to first base. *but it*

*brought*  
~~It~~ is now being ~~thrown~~ <sup>^</sup> up against him. ~~as~~ His opponents say this <sup>2</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>^</sup>

bill would have destroyed the capitalistic system. This Amlie denied<sup>S</sup> and pointed<sup>S</sup> out that Socialists ~~had~~ attacked his bill.

He said they did so because the success of his plan would have indefinitely postponed the need for government ownership of our basic industries.

And Amlie admitted: "I have made some pessimistic statements about the future of the capitalistic system. Then he added: "Developments in Europe are bearing them out, I don't suppose the developments are more than five or six years ahead of us, ten years at the most."



## TOWNSEND

5 The long nose of the Townsend Plan was stuck into Congress today. It was inserted by a Republican Congressman, Representative Brewster of Maine. He brought it up before the Ways and Means Committee of the House, which is racking its brains over the improvement of the Social Security Act. Said Brewster: "If Congress would only adopt the Townsend Plan for old-age pensions, all other forms of relief could be done away with."

Incidentally, he believes that the Townsend Plan would carry out a plank in the national platform of the Republican Party in Nineteen Thirty-Six, a plank that advocated old-age assistance on a national scale.



## LABOR BOARD

The National Labor Relations Board had to run the gauntlet in Congress today. The House was considering the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill. Republican Representative Taber of New York offered an amendment to cut out the funds to keep the Labor Board going. His argument was: "Vote no more money until the Labor Act has been amended."

That was the cue for a number of members to air their disapproval of Senator Wagner's act. The Democrats came to the rescue and said: "If Congress wants to repeal the act, let it be done in straightforward fashion and not in this round-about way."

When it came to a count the administration forces won, the amendment was rejected, the N.L.R.B. gets its money.

PERKINS

Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, appeared in person today before the Judiciary Committee of the House. She came to defend herself against a New Jersey Congressman who wants to have her impeached. The New Jersey Representative said she had failed to enforce the deportation laws because she didn't ~~throw~~ <sup>throw</sup> out the two labor leaders, Harry Bridges and Joseph Strecker. He said there was a conspiracy involving Madam Perkins, Immigration Commissioner Houghteling, and the Solicitor of the Department of Labor.

The meeting of the Judiciary Committee was an executive session. So not much is known of what Madam Perkins ~~said~~ <sup>she claimed</sup> except ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> there was no conspiracy, ~~that~~ <sup>said</sup> she and the other officials of the department were acting strictly in accordance with the law in the cases of Bridges and Strecker, ~~and that~~ <sup>also</sup> she does not believe in Communism.

U.A.W.

The fight among the automobile workers is now a three sided one. Hitherto, the quarrel has been confined to

Homer Martin on one <sup>hand</sup> ~~side~~ and on the other the majority of  
the International Executive Board, <sup>This majority</sup> ~~which~~ has set up an

independent organization of its own, opposed to Martin.

Now comes a third group which wants to abolish both Homer Martin

and the Board that <sup>'s agin'</sup> ~~is opposed to~~ him.



## SPAIN

The Spanish Republicans are now out of Catalonia. Early today the citadel at Figueras, temporary capital of the Loyalist government, blew up with a loud bang! That citadel was one of the most ancient structures in Spain, built by Ferdinand the Sixth. A powder magazine exploded, and nobody knows yet whether it was *touched off* ~~done~~ by fleeing Republican soldiers or by bombs from General Franco's airplanes and cannon. It was in that ancient citadel that the Cortez sat the other day and decided to continue the war even though Barcelona and all the rest of Catalonia had fallen to the Nationalists.

After the explosion, Premier Negrin and the entire general staff of the Republicans crossed <sup>over</sup> the frontier into France. *They were right on the border.* Negrin told the French officers ~~at the border~~ that he was leaving Spain <sup>for good;</sup> ~~definitely.~~ Although this was denied at the Spanish Embassy at London. Negrin and his staff were informed that the French government could not permit them to fly to Valencia ~~and there~~ as they had intended.

A deputy of the French Parliament, who is close to ~~General~~ Franco's government, gave <sup>out</sup> some interesting information today.

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He said that if France would recognize Franco, the Nationalist chief was prepared to make concessions. He would guarantee that no Italians would be used to conquer the parts of Spain that are still in Republican hands; that once the war was over there would be no occupation of the Balearic Islands by foreign troops; <sup>and</sup> that Franco would not use foreigners to compel the surrender of Minorca. Franco was also willing to agree ~~with~~ that the French government might hold on to the arms, munitions and airplanes which the Republicans brought over onto French territory, this as part payment for what it has cost the French to handle the refugees. The Nationalist chief would also let the French recoup themselves for those expenses from the gold deposited in French banks by the Republican government.

PEACE CONFERENCE

Another world peace conference! There's a chance  
for people ~~taxi~~ <sup>the usual peace-making scrap,</sup> who like ~~fighting.~~ <sup>fighting.</sup> ~~The next one of these~~  
~~curious meetings will probably~~ <sup>It may</sup> be called by Prime Minister  
Chamberlain <sup>who</sup> ~~He~~ told the House of Commons today that His  
Majesty's government is doing its utmost to promote such a  
conference.



. REFUGEES

The idea of establishing a Jewish refugee colony in British Guiana is being taken <sup>rather</sup>~~quite~~ seriously. It was the subject of an announcement in the British House of Commons today, made by Malcolm MacDonald, Colonial Secretary. He told the Commons that a royal commission to investigate the proposal will start work in a few days. The commission already has a report from Tanganyika in Africa.

POLAND

*Herz*  
~~Fuchres~~ Hitler's clamor for colonies is becoming contagious.

A demand comes now from Warsaw. When colonies are to be distributed, the Poles want their share. So said the Polish Under-Secretary of State today. Poland needs colonies to save foreign exchange and for raw materials.

## SHIP

Somewhere in mid-Atlantic a vessel is in ~~xxx~~ sore straits;  
A British freighter on her way from Houston, Texas, to Ireland, *she*  
is sinking, ~~and its~~ *Her* Number one hatch stove in, ~~at a spot~~ *about*  
eleven ~~thousand~~ *hundred* miles east of Boston. The first call for help  
was received by the giant liner QUEEN MARY. The master of the  
QUEEN MARY replied *that* he was four hundred miles west of the stricken  
vessel and couldn't get there in time to be ~~in any~~ of any use.

Then the Holland-American liner VEENDAM heard ~~that~~ *the* call for help  
and started ~~on the way to~~ *far the* rescue. ~~An oil tanker and~~ *So did* the Cunard  
~~liner AURANIA are also hurrying on the mercy errand.~~ *- and another oil tanker.*

But They can't get to ~~her~~ *the scene* until ten o'clock tomorrow  
morning, ~~and~~ *meanwhile* ~~the~~ water is pouring into the hold of the  
disabled freighter.



## FIRES

While parts of America have been drenched in rain and snow,  
~~a part of~~ eastern Kansas <sup>has been</sup> ~~was~~ ravaged by a roaring prairie fire.  
Fanned by a <sup>high</sup> ~~big~~ wind, <sup>sweeping</sup> ~~it swept~~ over thousands of acres, <sup>along a</sup> ~~At one~~  
~~time it raged along a front of~~ <sup>front.</sup> twenty miles ~~wide.~~ The C.C.C. boys  
~~joined with hundreds of~~ <sup>and</sup> farmers ~~who~~ fought the flames with wet  
sacks, started backfires around ~~the~~ buildings and towns,  
and plowed the ground with tractors.

The wind dropped and now the <sup>great Kansas fire</sup> ~~conflagration~~ is out  
except <sup>in</sup> ~~for~~ a few ~~small fires in~~ isolated places.

## CUMMINGS

Four years ago Wild Bill Cummings was the ace racing <sup>driver</sup> ~~pilot~~ of America. He won the five hundred mile classic at the Indianapolis speedway in Nineteen Thirty-Four with an average speed of a hundred and four miles an hour. Monday night he was driving along a quiet street in an suburb of Indianapolis where he lives. The front wheels of his car hit a soft shoulder of the road. He lost control, ~~of the car~~, crashed through the railing over a creek, smashed into the water, and turned upside down. Wild Bill Cummings was dragged out unconscious. Today he died, a crack speed driver killed on a quiet residence <sup>tial</sup> ~~ce~~ street!

## AUTO

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A gentleman in Florida conceived an idea for the building of motor cars. He decided four wheels were too many so he built one with two. ~~wheels~~. Today he tried it out. According to the descriptions from Miami, it looks like a motorcycle with an auto body and a steering wheel. It's also somewhat like an airplane because it has retractable wheels. These retractable wheels are let down in slow traffic to preserve the balance of the car.

He tried it out in traffic, moved smoothly, and the landing wheels were dropped with ease when the driver had to stop for signal lights.

The man who contrived this new gadget is in his working hours a paint merchant. ~~Maybe he has doped out~~ <sup>Just</sup> a new contrivance

for using Blue Sunoco.  
~~to use Sunoco Gas.~~



## JONES

There's discontent among the Jones<sup>es</sup> of Minneapolis. First of all, two ~~Jane~~ boys named David and Robert Jones asked the District Court to be allowed to change their names to Lane. Why? A popular comic strip had got their goat. They were tired of being poked fun at because of ~~the~~ "Keeping Up With The Jones."

Meanwhile, the news of this petition to the court had spread around and other Joneses jumped into the argument. Brook Jones, a locomotive engineer, came into court all dolled up with a lawyer. He objected on behalf of all persons who had the honor to bear the name of Jones. "The name," said the locomotive engineer, "<sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ an honorable one<sup>s</sup>, <sup>and</sup> many of its bearers have been famous."

"Were not the first American naval victories won by a gentleman named John Paul Jones?" What's more, the locomotive engineer pointed out, that among all the notorious public enemies, ~~the~~ infamous criminals in the world's history, there's none by the name of Jones.

Nevertheless, the judge agreed with David and Robert. He allowed them to change the name of Jones to Lane.

## AMNESIA

*a policeman found*

Eight years ago, <sup>^</sup>an elderly gentleman was ~~found by a~~  
~~policeman~~ sitting on a curb in Jackson, Mississippi. He ~~was~~  
<sup>a</sup> complete case of amnesia, couldn't remember his name, couldn't  
remember anything about himself.

For eight years he was kept as a patient in the Mississippi  
State Hospital. Today he's still more elderly, seventy years old.  
A few weeks ago he made an appeal over a radio station, asked  
listeners to try to help him discover his identity. The Memphis  
newspapers published his picture.

Finally the doctors tried a drastic experiment. They  
<sup>And</sup>  
gave him a powerful hypnotic drug. <sup>^</sup>That brought his memory back.  
*He remembered that he*  
<sup>^</sup>He is William H. Lawrence of Birmingham and Tuscaloosa, Alabama.  
<sup>^</sup>  
*and recalled that he*  
He recognized pictures of some of his kinsfolk, <sup>^</sup>He used to be an  
insurance salesman.

## CHURCH

In Detroit a clergyman is preparing to batter down the doors of his own house of worship. There has been trouble in his congregation. A number of his parishoners objected to the bingo parties held in the church by the Reverend, likewise church suppers. So on Sunday they shut him out. They not only closed the doors with heavy log chains, but made them impregnable with electric welders.

The name of the church is the Great Lakes Tabernacle.

Reverend Voltz, his son, and the Tablernacle treasurer tried to stop those welding operations. For that they were arrested,

-- and put behind welded bars,  
charged with assault, ~~thrown into the sneezer~~. They got out on

bail ~~today~~ and today Reverend Voltz declared he would get into

his church if he had to use hammers, chisels and a blow torch.

Tonight is the night for mid-week <sup>prayer</sup> service, and <sup>he says the prayer</sup> ~~the~~ service must go on <sub>λ</sub> — even if he must fight to pray.



BROWNE

There's almost a Victor Hugo element in the story of Vernon Browne, Chief of Police of Glendale, California. In the early Twenties, Vernon Browne was a banker in Oklahoma. There was a series of crop failures in his district, and Browne came to grief. <sup>This</sup> ~~It~~ was mainly because he had tried to help distressed farmers sorely in need of loans to buy seed. He used illegal methods, <sup>tell</sup> ~~a~~ afoul of the law, served eleven months in prison, then was pardoned.

He came to California, started life afresh, sold insurance for a couple of years. Then he joined the Police Department at Glendale. Two years ago, the City Fathers made him Chief of Police. He was recognized by somebody who knew about his record in Oklahoma, <sup>somebody who</sup> ~~That man~~ tried to blackmail him. Browne refused to be blackmailed, so his past life came to light.

The whole story was made public before the City Council. A delegation of the preachers of Glendale was present at the meeting to back him up. After hearing everything, the Council said: "What you did in the past you have amply redeemed, carry on as you are, you're still Chief of Police."

Today Chief Vernon B. Browne, ex-convict, wears his uniform with a big smile and no fear of blackmailers. + e-l-u-t-m.