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PARIS

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It's an old, old story that comes from Paris tonight.

It reminds ^{us of Strickland Gillilan's} ~~you of the~~ railroad ditty: - "On again, off again,

^{gone} ~~on~~ again Finegan." At the end of last week, Monsieur Chautemps

probably thought he was laying down the heavy load of government

^{But here he is selected again. And} and passing the buck to some unfortunate colleague. ~~But he's~~

having the worst luck that has attended any attempts to form a

French cabinet in many a year. ^{For} ~~And at~~ the present ~~moment~~ ~~there's~~

there isn't any cabinet. ~~in France.~~ However, something definite

may happen before morning. Just now the National Council of the

Socialist Party is ⁱⁿ ~~having~~ an all-night session which began ~~in~~

^{ily.} ~~stormy~~ ~~atmosphere.~~ Upon what happened ^S ~~in~~ this meeting ^{tonight} ~~everything~~

hinges.

There are, we learn, three possible solutions. First,

the Socialists may agree to take part in the cabinet. In that

case Chautemps will try to form a National Union Cabinet in

~~with~~ coalition with the Liberals. Second, the Socialists may

refuse to be represented in the government but may offer it ~~its~~

support. In that case there will be a radical cabinet with the

Liberals left out. The third possibility is that the Socialist

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Council will refuse to have anything to do with the government whatsoever. In that case poor Monsieur Chautemps will have to notify President Lebrun that he can't build a cabinet, ~~and~~ pass the buck ~~over~~ again to poor ^{Leon} ~~the~~ Blum, who has already tried and failed over the weekend.

And so he will
says W^m. Phillip Sims, foreign editor of
 The crux of the situation, ~~understanding~~ is that the

Chamber of Deputies no longer represents a fair cross section of the French nation. Public opinion of the main body of the voters is changed. In any event, whether a government is formed or not, another general election will be necessary. And even that may result in confusion worse than before.

*for details
 the Scripps Howard news*

HOLLAND

At almost any moment, the inhabitants of the Netherlands expect to learn of the birth of another heir to the crown.

And Crown Princess Juliana, ~~the mother of the expected child,~~ is praying that it'll be a girl. She wrote in a letter to a friend:- "I know Bernhardt - meaning the prince consort - and the nation, hope it will be a boy. But as for myself, I would love it to be a girl."

But if the baby does turn out to be a boy, he'll be the first male heir to the throne of Holland in fifty-three years.

So all over the tight little kingdom people are ~~waiting~~ awaiting the booming of guns from all the garrisons throughout the country. If they hear a hundred and one guns, they'll know that once again they have a prince. But if it's only a fifty-one gun salute, that will mean another girl, the third in succession. (And, by the way, the Crown Princess and her consort hope to visit the United States later this year.

They're scheduled to visit the Dutch dominions in the East Indies after the baby is born, ~~then they'll~~ come back by way of America.)

PALESTINE

the City of Peace,
In the heart of Jerusalem, a bomb burst last night and

today an American citizen is being held as a witness. ~~He is~~

2 naturalized citizen who owns a gasoline station at Nyack, New York.

He went to his native village near Bethlehem to celebrate his

betrothal to a young lady who is a native of that region. He

9 was driving through the center of Jerusalem in his American car,

which he brought from the United States. Just as he was passing

a cooperative restaurant, the bomb went off and nearly slew an

entire group of Jewish workingmen. Bystanders pointed to an

Arab, who they said had thrown the bomb and who after it burst

had run and jumped into the American's motor car. Consequently, *the*

garageman
~~the man~~

from Nyack is being held as a witness.

At about the same time, an attempt was made to assassinate

— near Nazareth.
the Mayor of Nablus. A group of armed terrorists opened fire

on his house, but were driven off by his bodyguard. That's the

third ~~ix~~ attempt made on *the* ~~his~~ life of the Mayor of Nablus.

RUSSIA

Surprising news from Moscow! Those who were present at today's meeting of the new Russian Parliament heard a speaker actually criticizing the government. In caustic words he attacked the foreign policy of the Soviet and he uttered those words right within the hearing of Dictator Josef Stalin. The speaker ^{was} ~~is~~ Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the new Supreme Soviet, as the Parliament is called. He criticized the Moscow Foreign Office for not taking a firmer attitude toward Japan. And he said:- "The Commissar for Foreign Affairs must be more determined with regard to the provocation by Japanese and Manchukoan agents."

The Foreign Office wasn't the only department he criticized. He also heaved a few verbal brickbats ^{at} ~~of~~ some of the other commissars, including the head of water transportation.

NAVY

~~Meanwhile,~~ The Appropriations Committee of the House ^{today}
report^{ed} ~~ing~~ a bill to provide funds for the Navy. The total sum
is more than half a billion dollars. That includes money to
build two new super-dreadnoughts and twenty other men-o-war. ^{This}
~~It~~ ^{is} nearly twenty-seven million more than the last appropriation
bill for the Navy and eleven million less than the admirals had
asked for. ~~This appropriation was~~ Just the ordinary yearly
routine bill. Later in the week President Roosevelt is going
to ask for an extraordinary appropriation carrying enough money
to make Uncle Sam's fleet the equal of any afloat.

Congressmen heard a serious warning about ^{our} national
defense from Admiral Leahy, the chief of naval operations.
Likewise from Charles Edison, Assistant Secretary of the Navy.
Said Admiral Leahy: "The peace situation throughout the world
is distinctly worse than it was a year ago." And he added:
"The present moment is not one ^{when} ~~that~~ the United States can
safely reduce its national defense without jeopardizing its
national security." Assistant Secretary Edison ^{added to this:—} ~~said~~ "We have
drifted into a situation which is highly dangerous and might

prove a fatal delay in time of war." ~~Edison~~ Edison also told Congress that present facilities in government navy yards and arsenals would be hopelessly inadequate to meet war-time needs.

TAX

Congressmen today listened to business men give their views ~~about the~~ taxes. What they asked Congress to do was nothing new:- Repeal the undistributed profits tax and the capital gains tax. Jack up the levy on personal income. Broaden the income tax base, ~~etc~~ one sure way of making the nation "tax conscious."

One witness, the Executive Secretary of the ^{so called} People's Lobby, described the New Deal tax policies as brutal, and ~~to~~ warned the Ways and Means Committee of the House that if they aren't changed and changed immediately, there will be a panic.

Another witness, who represented the New York Board of Trade, was asked his opinion about President Roosevelt's attitude toward holding companies. "Look at England," he said, ^{He declared} "and see how heavily incomes are taxed there." ~~He said~~ that in many cases holding companies were absolutely necessary.

LAMONT

Another sharp attack on the New Deal attitude toward business was heard today. It came from Thomas W. Lamont, partner in the House of ~~J.P.~~ Morgan, ~~& Company~~. He spoke in Philadelphia at a luncheon of the University of Pennsylvania. ~~The principal thing~~ He said, ~~was that~~ it's absurd for administration leaders to claim that capital is on strike. "There is no such thing," said Lamont. "It would be nearer the mark to say that capital has been locked out by such moves as the surplus profits tax and ~~the~~ the continued uncertainty over the problems of public utilities corporations."

CONFERENCE

There is going to be still another conference at the White House on Friday. President Roosevelt has invited the heads of the motor car manufacturing companies and the finance corporations ~~as well~~ to meet him.

VETO

Early in this session, President Roosevelt suggested a change in the procedure governing appropriations. His proposal was that in ^{the} future the President of the United States should be permitted to veto single items in appropriation measures, ^{handing out cash.}

At present, in order to get rid of any individual appropriation of which he disapproves, he has to veto the entire bill.

The House of Representatives fell in line with his idea. In passing the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, the House attached a provision giving him power thus to veto individual items. But the Senate will have none of it. The old system ^{is} ~~is~~ to endure, *said the Senate this afternoon.*

Incidentally, Mr. Roosevelt today sent to Congress his veto on one bill passed recently, ~~is~~ a bill to raise the pay of charmen and charladies in post-offices. One of his reasons was that it increased the wages of char-ladies and char-gentlemen in one branch of the government without making the same provision in other branches.

RELIEF

Uncle Sam can't dump the relief problem on the shoulders of the cities. That's what Mayor LaGuardia of New York told the Committee of the Senate this afternoon. "There's not a city in the nation that can carry the relief load all alone; they all need federal aid," said New York's Mayor. The mayors of Cleveland and San Francisco added their voices. They told the senators unemployment had been rising every week. ~~Mr.~~ LaGuardia suggested another Public Works Program to help the heavy goods industries.

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SUPREME COURT

There was a large crowd to watch the session of the United States Supreme Court at Washington today, ~~it was~~ the last at which Associate Justice George Sutherland ^{would be} ~~was~~ present. And before him sat Mr. Stanley Reed, Solicitor General of the United States, Mr. Sutherland's successor on that high bench. For it is taken for granted that his nomination will be confirmed without question. Not a Representative or Senator on either side has had a word to say against Mr. Reed. So there was certain drama in his appearance before the court today. He did not come to plead. The only thing he did was to move the admission of several lawyers to practice at that bar. [¶] Justice Sutherland read his last decision, the opinion in a tax case involving a tea company. It was in favor of the government.

Mr. Justice Cardozo, by the way, was again conspicuously absent. His physicians make the grave report that his condition is unchanged.

HAGUE

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It isn't often that you hear about a mayor refusing a seat in the United States Senate. But that's what happened in Jersey City today. It was the sixty-second birthday of Mayor Frank Hague who has been heavily in the spotlight of late in his fight against the C.I.O. Mayor Hague received a visit from Ex-Senator Harry Moore, who becomes for the third time Governor of New Jersey tomorrow, succeeding Harold Hoffman. The purpose of ~~the~~ Moore's visit was to congratulate Jersey City's ~~fighting~~ ^{stormy} Mayor and offer him the seat in the Senate that became vacant by ~~Harry~~ Moore's election to governorship.

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Throughout the eastern states it's generally believed and openly said that Mayor Hague is really the boss of the Democratic Party in New Jersey. And, they say, that ~~Harry~~ ^{Harry} Moore could never have been elected without the okay and help of the Jersey City mayor.

~~Frank~~ ^{Frank} Mayor Hague smilingly refused the offer of a toga. "I'm ix needed right here in Jersey City," he said, "to fight the menace of Communism offered by the attempts of the C.I.O. to invade our city." And he also said:- "If I accepted the offer,

people might say that I'm running away from a fight. I am grateful," he added, "but with this Red group menacing America, and the whole country watching the conflict, I feel that I must decline because I cannot desert this cause. I am wanted here," he said.

CONVENTION (Sun Oil must)

At the Cleveland Auditorium today, some thirty thousand people from all over the world are assembled. They come from every state in the Union and thirty-two foreign countries, some from Palestine, ~~from~~ some from South Africa, some from Australia, Central and South America. The purpose for which they are meeting is something of importance to nearly all of us. One of their first objectives is to make highways safer all over the world. It's a road show and convention of the American Road-Builders Association.

Aside from the Convention, there's an exposition with some two hundred and twenty-eight exhibitors represented, showing the latest machinery for building roads, the latest designs for making them safe. In the next four days they'll hear the opinions of the outstanding engineers and technologists not only of America, but of the rest of the world, on the improvement and maintenance of highways.

WEATHER

Snowstorms in America, gales in England. The winter winds piled up such high tides that old father Thames rose over the level of London's streets and poured water over the embankment.

In eastern America, the weather played curious pranks. In Buffalo, for instance, every single available piece of snow-fighting equipment was mobilized, with seven hundred men working furiously to keep the streets clear for traffic. All over western New York there were heavy falls of snow. Airplanes grounded, trains late, heavy drifts on the highways. Many roads across the border into Canada are completely blocked.

Here in New York City, ~~curiously enough, is free of discomfort~~
~~so far, so~~ the snow melted as soon as it fell.

ELOPEMENT

From the snow-clad hills near Kane, Pennsylvania, we hear ~~of~~ a both grim and pathetic story of ~~ax~~ middle-aged infatuation and tragedy. The man in the case, fifty-seven years old, had lived with his wife, presumably in peace and accord for forty years, though she is twenty-three years older than he. But recently he fell ~~uncontrollably~~ in love with an eighteen year old girl in the neighborhood.

The story goes **that** last week they ran away, leaving that eighty year old wife alone. Before they left, they filled the car with provisions. Evidently they intended to take refuge in a cave or a deserted cabin in the hills. They hadn't been gone more than a few hours before winter struck that hill country with an icy hand. And now the county authorities and state troopers believe that the eloping couple **must** have been frozen to death. A posse of a hundred men has been looking for them without any success.

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TIGHTS

There was a momentous law suit in an English court today. It was brought by a theatrical company, against a laundry. A Russian ballet company was performing at the

theater and in the course of human events the tights of the fair damsels needed to ~~be cleaned,~~ ^{go to the laundry} ~~that,~~ something that can happen in any ~~man's country,~~ ^{ballet troupe.} But alas, when they ~~came back~~ ^(ballet tights)

they had shrunk so ~~that those tights~~ ^{they} were too tight to be worn by ^{the girls} ~~with safety;~~ ^{they might split.} ~~to the proprietor.~~ Hence the lawsuit.

The English judge ~~in all seriousness~~ declared that ~~the non-~~ ^{splittable tights are necessary in staid} ~~theatrical company was justified because the tights had been~~ ^{old England - and awarded damages.} ~~washed instead of being cleaned and awarded damages to the~~

~~plaintiff.~~ What you might call a hightly-tighty affair, and,

^{and} SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

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