

LaGUARDIA

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Congress heard some advice today from Mayor LaGuardia of New York. As he used to be one of them, the Congressmen will take things from Father <sup>Knickerbocker's</sup> ~~Knickerbocker's~~ fighting Mayor that they might not take from others, <sup>- an old member of the club,</sup> His advice was to set up a permanent committee to study and map out a program for the country's business recovery.

There probably wouldn't be <sup>any</sup> a keen scramble to get on that committee as <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ LaGuardia ~~idea~~ would be to <sup>make 'em</sup> ~~have it~~ work all summer, ~~in so~~ ~~doing it would be able to~~ <sup>and</sup> submit a bill by next October.

A ~~new~~ champion of the "LaGuardia-for-~~Mayor~~ President" cause <sup>spoke</sup> ~~cropped~~ up today. He's none other than William Allen White of Emporia, one of the staunchest of mid-western Republicans, ~~though I believe he did a little bit of a fling at the Bull Moose in the time of Theodore Roosevelt.~~ <sup>Veteran Editor Bill</sup> ~~William Allen~~ White told Philadelphians that the Republicans' best bet for President in Nineteen Forty would be a city boy of the LaGuardia type. And he explained: "The country has gone from the rural to the urban state." And he added: "Even the rural states would not accept the clod-hopper country type any more." <sup>Said the man from Kansas.</sup>

CHAMBER

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Leaders of the United States Chamber of Commerce are taking their annual cracks at the New Deal. The Chamber held its twenty-sixth yearly meeting in Washington today and speeches were in order. The principal criticism came from John W. O'Leary of Chicago, Chairman of the Executive Committee. Said he:- "Supervision by government hampers and retards real business progres.<sup>s</sup> And," he ~~added~~ <sup>philosophised:</sup> "freedom of enterprise is a vital necessity ~~for business~~ and in the public interest."

The Chamber, as a body, put in a plea for immediate reduction of the tax load. Federal, State and Local Government altogether take no less than thirteen-and-a-half billions a year out of the ~~purse~~ pockets of business.

~~Other spokesmen voiced the call: "Lead us back to rugged individualism, rugged individualism in its rightful place."~~

A significant comment was made by Lamont DuPont of Delaware when he said:- "There is no lack of capital today.\*

~~There is a lack of those willing to risk it." Then he added: "There is a lack of those willing to risk it."~~

SHIPS

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The Senators today continued their wrangling over President Roosevelt's big Navy bill. They'ved added an amendment limiting the size of Uncle Sam's new battleships to thirty-five thousand tons. Just as they'd done this the Navy released some information recently gathered from Europe. The new men-of-war that Hitler and Mussolini are building will be so fast that they will make Uncle Sam's battleships look like tortoises. The German and Italian dreadnaughts will have a speed of thirty knots, whereas the fastest <sup>that</sup> the same size American ships can do is twenty-three knots.

So what? This means, of course, that there will have to be a radical <sup>change</sup> ~~step~~ in the design and construction of our men-of-war.

FORD

Here's something that will interest the labor union world.

The National Labor Relations Board backs down from its attitude towards Henry Ford. It filed a petition today with the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Kentucky. In that petition it asked permission to withdraw the order that the Board had made against the Ford Motor Company.

At about the same time there comes to light the background for this astonishing move. It follows on the heels of petitions that had been filed by the attorneys for the Ford Motor Company. The Ford lawyers asked the court for leave to make certain investigations into the N.L.R.B.'s order against Ford. "Did the Board consult outside sources," the Ford lawyers would like to know. and specifically they wanted to ask, "Did the Board consult Tom Corcoran and Ben Cohen," who are known to be the President's legal advisors. "Did the Board consult John L. Lewis, head of the C.I.O., or Homer Martin, President of the Automobile Workers Union, or any other officers of any union?"

Of course now that the Board has withdrawn its order against the Ford Company, those questions don't have to be answered..

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The point of it all: - the movement against Ford quashed.

BREAD

There'll be no bread in Akron, Ohio, tomorrow unless mother knows how to bake it. The bakers are on strike, not a single loaf came out of any bakery-oven in the rubber capital. And the stocks of the stores, it is reported, are practically exhausted. That puts it up to the little woman. ~~Amex~~ Can she make a loaf of bread, Billy boy, Billy Boy? Maybe he'll have to settle for biscuits.

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And maybe he'll have to ~~bake~~ <sup>make</sup> 'em himself. If he followed the gold-trail of '98 to the Klondike he'll know how to make them out of sour dough.

PULITZER

Here's big news in the world of literature and journalism.

The trustees of Columbia University have announced their Pulitzer prize awards, the prizes left by the late Joseph Pulitzer in his will for the most distinguished achievements of the year.

As the <sup>prize winning</sup> ~~most distinguished~~ novel ~~of the year~~ dealing with American life, the trustees selected <sup>one</sup> ~~a novel~~ by J. P. Marquand, <sup>called</sup> "The Late George Apley;" ~~It is~~ a character portrait of a rich Bostonian. ~~For that Mr. Marquand will receive one thousand dollars.~~

Critics and publishers promptly observed that the Prize Committee continues to lean emphatically toward the side of the more popular kind of books. People who knew Joseph Pulitzer tell us that it was his intention that those prizes should be awarded to works which otherwise might not bring their authors much reward. However, the terms of the will state merely that the prize should go to the most distinguished novel of the year, preferably dealing with American life. Last year it was won by Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind", and <sup>the money award</sup> ~~the thousand dollars~~ must have been a mere drop in the bucket to the royalties that her book earned. ~~Mr~~ Marquand's novel, which appeared first as a serial in

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the SATURDAY EVENING POST, also is a book of the popular sort.

The prize for the most distinguished play goes to Thornton Wilder for "Our Town." The same Mr. Wilder who in Nineteen Twenty-Eight was awarded the Pulitzer book prize for "The Bridge of San Luis Rey."

Now for the journalism prizes. The gold medal award goes to the "Tribune" of Bismarck, North Dakota. The Bismarck "Tribune" news reports and editorials entitled "Self Help In the Dust Bowl" are considered by the Committee as "the most disinterested and meritorious public service by a newspaper."

The Bismarck Tribune was not the only paper selected. A bronze plaque, a special public service prize, is given to the "Journal of Edmonton of Alberta, "for its leadership in defense of the freedom of the press in the Province of Alberta."

One prize to Pittsburgh. Won by Raymond Sprigle, a reporter of the PITTSBURGH POST GAZETTE. And it was given him because of his distinguished reporting in the series which

revealed that Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black had once been a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Arthur Krock of the New York "Times" gets the prize for distinguished Washington correspondence. ~~That was~~ for the interview he wrote with President Roosevelt last year, ~~an exclusive article in which the President discussed his political philosophy at length.~~

The most distinguished editorial writing of the year was done by W. W. Waymack of the Des Moines "Register and Tribune". And the prize for the most distinguished cartoon goes to Vaughn Shoemaker of the "Chicago Daily News."



TORSO

One of the places that Americans <sup>visiting</sup> ~~visit~~ Paris used to flock to, ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> used to be, the Grand Guignol Theatre. ~~It was a~~ <sup>The</sup> theatre of horrors, ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> producing one-act plays so gruesome that they would have shocked even Edgar Allan Poe.

<sup>Tonight</sup> We are reminded of the Grand Guignol because a drama <sup>of horror</sup> comes to light at Cleveland. ~~that might have served as material for one of its plays~~ For two years and a half Cleveland has been infested by a homicidal maniac. He not only murders his victims but dismembers them and throws the fragments in the water. ~~The condition of the fragments has indicated to the police that the murderer must have been a butcher. In those two and a half years the remains of no fewer than ten victims~~ <sup>so far</sup> ~~have been found~~ <sup>hitherto</sup> ~~sewn up~~ in burlap bags in and around Cleveland. The police have investigated literally thousands of leads without any success. ~~Twenty four days ago, part of another unhappy murdered person was found, the eleventh victim in two and a half years.~~ Today two bridge tenders on the murky Cuyahoga found <sup>more terrifying evidence. So now there</sup> ~~other dismembered parts.~~ That makes either <sup>are either</sup> eleven or twelve <sup>victims — victims of the</sup> ~~unfortunates who have met their death at the hands~~ of the ~~so far~~ ~~not~~ undetected madman.

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More Soviet melodrama: -  
~~Tremendous anxiety in the land of the Red Soviets~~

For several days a ~~melodramatic~~ <sup>sinister</sup> message has been ~~poured~~ <sup>flashed</sup> out over the Russian air from a secret Short Wave station. The words of the message; ~~were:~~ "Joseph Stalin has been sentenced to death and the Liberators League will carry out his execution."

Naturally the first and immediate result of this ~~puzzling~~ <sup>menacing</sup> phenomenon was to ~~bring~~ heighten the terrorism in Russia. The bodyguard of the Soviet Dictator has been doubled, although it was already the strongest and strictest in the world. And of course the OGPU ~~has done~~ <sup>is doing</sup> its utmost to locate that secret Short Wave station. The big Government stations in Moscow have tried to jam the broadcasts but ~~they~~ <sup>haven't</sup> ~~didn't~~ succeed. <sup>ed.</sup> The supposition is that this message was broadcast from an airplane high above the clouds. It is inferred that the Liberators League so mentioned consists of friends and admirers of Marshal Tuckhachevsky, Nikolai Bukharin, and other once powerful Soviet leaders executed in the blood purge.

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Their threat to Stalin's life <sup>has been</sup> varied from time to time  
by statements in praise of the men <sup>that Stalin doomed.</sup> ~~executed~~

HITLER follow Assassin

There's a peculiar timeliness in the latest threat to the Russian Dictator. For it comes just as the German Dictator is on his way to visit the Italian. And the word from Mussolini's capital is that never have there been such extraordinary and elaborate precautions for the life of any one. ~~man.~~ The extent of the danger to Hitler's ~~life~~ may be gauged <sup>by</sup> ~~on~~ the extent of the preparations. High officials of the Gestapo, the German Secret Police, have been in Rome for months. Ten thousand agents of Mussolini's Secret Police have been on special duty in Rome, Florence, Naples, all the cities that Hitler and Mussolini will visit. Spies are bristling all over the peninsula, many of them women. In restaurants, cafes and other public places, every word spoken is taken down and reported to headquarters. For two weeks the Fascist police have been rounding up thousands who are not Fascists. They've even removed the flowerpots from the balconies and windows along the routes that Mussolini and Hitler will ride. — in fear not of flowers or even flowers in flower pots. In fear of concealed bombs.

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## MISSIONARY

Here's one that will interest Commander Donald MacMillan and Captain Bob Bartlett who will be sailing that way in a few weeks:- Eight days ago a motor boat put to sea from a point on the extreme north of Newfoundland. It was a boat of the United Church Mission stationed at White Bay, piloted by the Reverend Roy Rogers. The missionary was taking five patients to a hospital further south at St. Anthony. Day followed day and no news was received from the missionary, his motor boat, or his patients. There was a genuine cause for anxiety, since he had only a two-day supply of food and water aboard. The story of that perilous cruise came to light today.

Soon after leaving the mission station at White Bay the motor boat got caught in drift ice. So instead of being able to speed southward, they were carried north. For days they drifted, hungry and thirsty. But men in charge of those remote mission stations have to do far more than spread the Gospel. They have to be men who can stand just such hardships, who can face long-drawn-out emergencies like that, in those dangerous waters. Today Reverend Roy Rogers brought his boat to land at Fishoit Island, five miles off Hare Bay in northern Newfoundland.

POKER

Out in Hollywood there's both weeping and chuckling over a poker game that was played one night last week. The principals in the comedy are ~~Mr.~~ Lew Brice, ~~identifiable~~ ~~chiefly because he's the~~ brother of ~~the~~ great Fanny Brice; he was the winner in that game. And a Mr. Clifton of England, described as a wealthy young sportsman who writes poetry -- ~~who~~ was the principal loser.

*Paet Clifton*

According to his own admission <sup>to</sup> contributed to

the party to the tune of one hundred and fifty thousand Roosevelt

*Looks like they tried to make him pay the way*  
dollars. <sup>^</sup> The game got into the courts because the Englishman,

after losing that one hundred and fifty thousand thought better

of it and stopped payment on his checks. The affair is now

being investigated by the District Attorney's office. Just

to settle matters they are going to play that game all over

again, just as it was played a week ago. ~~There will be~~ <sup>with</sup> one

*no cashable chips*  
difference, ~~there'll be no money~~ on the table. ~~Sportsman~~ *Paet*

Clifton says he renigged on the money because he learned that

Brother ~~Cl~~ Brice's chips were backed up only with <sup>*fictional*</sup> I.O.U.'s whereas

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*left all along.*

*the Poets*  
~~Sportsmen's~~ chips had real dollars behind them. In

legal phraseology that ~~is~~ <sup>might be</sup> called obtaining money under

false pretenses of wealth. In other words, <sup>the claim is that</sup> if Fanny Brice's

brother had lost one hundred and fifty thousand dollars instead of winning, he couldn't have paid in anything but conversation.

Brother Brice denies the unsoft impeachment and says furthermore, that there never was any pot on the table with more than ~~four~~ forty thousand dollars in it.

The District Attorney's office entered into the game on account of the accusation that was made. The prosecutor also yearns to find out whether the game ~~they were playing~~ was Draw or Stud poker. According to the California criminal code, Stud poker is gambling, hence illegal. Draw poker is not.

Conceivably the <sup>English</sup> poor poet after losing 150 grand might find himself in a California jail.

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SHARKS FOLLOW POKER

To cap the story of that poker game here's a bit of scientific news from southern California. Archaeologists made a discovery of real importance. And they made it almost within rifle shot of Los Angeles itself.

Some contractors were digging in the sandstone of *the* Palos Verdes hills in the suburbs of Los Angeles. In that sandstone they found fossils. When the fossils were examined the scientists decided they were the teeth of sharks one hundred and seventy-five feet long. Twenty-five million years ago when ~~south~~ southern California was covered by the sea those sharks used to swim in those waters. It is not known whether <sup>those</sup> ~~the~~ sharks played poker.

*I now Hugh  
What from you?*

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