

That W.P.A. strike seems to be getting nowhere so far as any solution of the argument is concerned. <sup>Today</sup> There was a statement by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, which was quite unexpected. The A.F. of L. repudiates that strike, will take no responsibility for it. Nevertheless, said Green, the strikes on W.P.A. projects express the state of mind of the workers; ~~It had been~~ entirely spontaneous. Not one of them ~~was~~ ordered by the American Federation of Labor, ~~and~~ Green explains, ~~speaking~~ on behalf of his organization:- "We fully realize that the remedy lies with Congress rather than through strikes." That's what he said to the head of some hundred and three member unions of the American Federation. And he repeated his pledge, the backing of everyone of the four million members of the Federation to ~~express~~ ~~on~~ Congress ~~the~~ ~~express~~ to repeal those provisions of the Relief Bill which cut down the hourly rates of pay of W.P.A. workers.

In New York four thousand, seven hundred and eighty-four W.P.A. strikers have been fired, taken off the rolls. Pink slips were mailed to them today, to notify them. And as the law now stands, they've cut themselves off from any chance of getting

relief money. They are not eligible for relief work.

~~Commissioner Harrington went to Chicago today for a conference with state administrators. When he was asked, what about the strike, he replied:- "I didn't come here to talk strike, our policy on that is all settled."~~

~~and~~ The Acting-Administrator in New York, declared that in his district more than eighteen thousand mechanics were working, seven hundred and seventy more than were on the job yesterday. Those figures were disputed by strike leaders. The W.P.A. officials claim that in Maryland, Maine and Connecticut, there is not a single man on strike, and that at Chicago, only twenty-eight thousand out of a total of a hundred and seventy-seven thousand. The condition is still serious in Minneapolis and St. Paul, but in Detroit men are going back to their jobs, and in Massachusetts only a few have walked out.

The national leader of the Workers' Alliance, the union of W.P.A. workers, uttered a strong threat today. He spoke a warning that if Commissioner Harrington insists on firing strikers who have been five days off the job, there'll be a new wave of strikes by the end of next month. That new wave, said this union leader, will make the present walk-out look like a tea party.

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STRIKE

At Pontiac, Michigan, troops of the state police <sup>today</sup> were patrolling the entrances to the General Motors Fisher Body Plant. <sup>This</sup> ~~That was~~ in answer to the disturbances and threats of the last two days. This morning the state <sup>police</sup> ~~cop~~s were on the job, armed with tear gas, and every man who wanted to go to work was allowed to enter the plant. The Company said two hundred and twenty men were on ~~the~~ job today; the ~~Union~~ <sup>UAW</sup> Union said there were only twenty-seven. Nevertheless, the Union called off its picket line early this morning. There is to be another attempt at conciliation. The General Motors Corporation stands by its guns, it will not deal with either faction of the Union until some established authority has decided which is the union, the A.F. of L. faction or the C.I.O.

KENTUCKY

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But the strike troubles in Michigan were a tea party compared to the upheaval in Harlan County, Kentucky. The score <sup>there</sup> today in that coal mine fight is one National Guard <sup>man</sup> seriously wounded, two pickets shot, <sup>and</sup> another ~~one~~ clubbed with the butt of a rifle. That was at one coal mine. But at another point one miner was killed, five wounded with bullets, and several others clubbed. The firing started when a picket tried to yank off the trolley of an electric coal car.

Governor Happy Chandler of Kentucky blames it all on the president of that district of the United Mine Workers of America. He says the violence was instigated by an incendiary speech that this union leader made last Sunday. Before that, says Governor Chandler, everything was quiet. So he's going to ask the grand jury to indict <sup>the speech-making</sup> ~~that~~ union man.

NEUTRALITY

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President Roosevelt has not given up the fight to have his own way on neutrality. He won't take yesterday's decision by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee lying down. The word from the White House today is that he is preparing a special message to Congress. He will ask for a new law defining neutrality, and he wants it at this session. He has urged the Democratic leaders in Congress to bring all possible pressure to bear on Congressmen.

ADD NEUTRALITY

A bulletin that just came in from Washington reports that Mr. Roosevelt will send his message within the next forty-eight hours; ~~it is~~ a forceful, downright one. It is expected that the President will say to the Senators, in effect:- "The blame will be on your heads if your action or failure to act endangers the peace of the nation."

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BUND

The State of New Jersey now has two laws against the German-America Bund. One of them was passed earlier this year. But on Independence Day the Bund had a big parade at its New Jersey camp, celebrated the Fourth by marching behind Swastika banners. Then it was discovered that the law against this sort of thing had no teeth in it. It forbade people to hold such parades but said nothing about punishment. So another law has now passed the Jersey Legislature and any people who disobey this one will go to prison for as much as three years and pay a fine of anywhere from two hundred to five thousand dollars. That's what you <sup>will</sup> get for "wearing a foreign uniform for purposes of subversive intent in New Jersey." *That's the way it reads.*

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~~Jersey used to be a strong Ku Klux Klan state, but the Jersey men don't care for the Nazi version of the Klan.~~

TYROL

The Fascist government of Italy now proposes to <sup>throw</sup> ~~kick~~ even Americans out of the Tyrol. <sup>But</sup> <sup>^</sup> There's nothing our diplomats can do about it, since the order of expulsion applies to everybody.

In such a case, no one government can protest, especially as the Italians declare that it is done for reasons of a political and military character. And because of the actions of certain foreigners. In other words, some people have been observing the large movements of troops and military supplies from Italy across the Brenner Pass into Austria. They've reported these troop maneuvers, and are therefore spies, in the eyes of the Italians.

~~The inference drawn in Paris is that Mussolini is reinforcing his defense line against airplane attacks, and constructing a Maginot Line of his own, a line of fortifications <sup>in</sup> along the Alps.~~

~~It is noticeable that this expulsion of foreigners from <sup>the</sup> Tyrol comes immediately after the recent display of British and French air strength. So it is believed that the Duce became alarmed, and saw visions of an attack by French bombers on the Italian munitions factories at Turin.~~



That order of expulsion will be a hardship to a good many foreigners. A large part of the district from which they are <sup>to be ousted</sup> ~~kicked~~ out is a favorite tourist region. Many foreigners, including Americans, own property there, <sup>or have</sup> ~~either property or long~~ leases. The moral ~~of that~~ seems to be that you take your chances nowadays if you buy land <sup>in some countries.</sup> ~~anywhere outside the good old U.S.A.~~

Over this episode arises a whole flock of rumors.

One, ~~of them~~, for instance, is that Mussolini is trying not to let people know how strong an influence Hitler is getting in Italy. Another rumor concerns a German naval base ~~in~~ the Adriatic. Of course Mussolini now has Trieste and Pola, which used to be Austrian naval strongholds. <sup>And</sup> The German Fuehrer undoubtedly wants some outlet to the Adriatic. The Nazis suggested that they be allowed to lease or otherwise get hold of a naval base in Jugoslavia. But the Duce is believed to have turned that idea down emphatically. Instead, ~~of that~~, so the story runs, he's willing to give Hitler certain rights at Trieste<sup>s</sup>; though keeping the port and the Gulf strictly <sup>under</sup> ~~in~~ Italian control.

GRANDI

*from London of*  
There's a lot of guessing going on about the recall <sup>of</sup>  
Mussolini's Ambassador, Dino Grandi, ~~from London~~. Indeed, it is  
hinted in some quarters that the Duce called Dino back because  
he was becoming too popular in London, too much inclined to see  
eye-to-eye with the British government; ~~he~~ <sup>- and</sup> did not approve of  
the Fascist tactics in accusing Great Britain of trying to  
encircle the Rome-Berlin Axis.

It is also made to appear that the new ambassador whom  
Rome will send to the court of St. James's will be one not likely  
to become pro-British. The betting is that the man who is now  
Ambassador to Hitler at Berlin will be sent to London.

Of course all this guessing is unofficial and off the  
record. The official reason for <sup>the Grandi</sup> ~~his~~ recall is that the Duce needs  
Grandi to replace his Minister of Justice who has just resigned.

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There, again, the off-the-record gossip hints at a disappointment  
for Grandi. <sup>Grandi</sup> ~~he~~ would have liked to go to Washington where he had  
<sup>Grandi</sup> a grand time and made quite a hit, ~~the last time he was in this~~  
country.

BRIDGES

Tempers were strained and harsh words flew back and forth in San Francisco at the Bridges deportation hearing. The lawyers <sup>Harry Bridges</sup> for the Australian, let loose their fireworks at Major Milner, <sup>C. J. O. labor leader</sup> the chief witness for the government. Miss Carol King, chief counsel for Bridges, ~~admitt~~ demanded that Milner be cited for contempt on a charge of perjury. The government counsel retorted by charging ~~that~~ Miss King with grandstand play, saying that any such action would make the federal courts laugh and that the charge against Milner is utterly absurd.

Milner had admitted that he gave false testimony at a trial at Portland. <sup>But</sup> ~~when~~ he explained that he was acting as an intelligence officer for the Oregon National Guard, while he was investigating the Communists in the northwest. And he said he gave false testimony to win the confidence of the Communists and get their secrets.

The examiner at this Bridges hearing asked Milner whether that meant that he considered himself free to tell a falsehood during these proceedings. And Milner replied: "No, I'm free to tell all I know."

## METEOR

That meteor that appeared over Lake Erie gave more than a free fireworks show to the people of four states and part of Canada. Some of the folks who saw it were terrified; ~~they~~ thought it was a real visit from Mars. One of them described it as shooting down out of the western sky with great big red flames pouring out of it.

It was seen over all of Ohio, part of Pennsylvania, upper New York, and Michigan. In fact people in Detroit thought that it crashed into the earth near Mt. Clemens. An astronomer at the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland said that it seemed to have come to earth up in Canada. There is no definite report to that effect, and, as the astronomers tell us, it's hard to tell about meteors, the distances are so deceptive.

COUNTERFEIT

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In a small unobtrusive house in Woodbury, New Jersey, the Secret Service agents of Uncle Sam made a raid late yesterday. They found in that modest home in the modest Jersey town, a complete counterfeiting plant, a laboratory for the making of phoney United States bills.

All this doesn't sound particularly startling. But the people who operated this counterfeit laboratory were a sixty-five year old woman and her son.

FIRE

*And here's*  
~~We now have~~ another one of those harrowing stories about  
flames tearing madly throughout a large terror-stricken region  
in the west. No summer passes without <sup>a number</sup> ~~one~~ of those calamities. *this*  
<sup>one is</sup> ~~It's~~ in South Dakota ~~that~~ a conflagration whooped up by a fifty  
mile an hour wind, ~~is~~ driving people from their homes, destroying  
houses, property, crops, livestock. Ten thousand acres of land  
in the Black Hills ~~forest~~ is being ravaged by a fire that spreads  
from tree-top to tree-top. The front line of men fighting the  
flames is only fifteen miles west of Rapid City, South Dakota,  
and already hot ashes are falling on the city streets.

SAFETY

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~~with twelve point two; and close to it come Arkansas with fifteen~~  
~~point two and Massachusetts, fifteen point three. The highest~~  
~~death rate in Nineteen Thirty-Eight was in Nevada, where no IMPROVED~~  
~~improvement was shown:-- sixty-five point three in NineteenThirty-~~  
~~Eight as in Nineteen Thirty-Seven. In Arizona the death rate~~  
~~dropped from sixty two point four to fifty point seven.~~

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## NINE OLD MEN

I hadn't intended to say anything about that ball game at Fenway Park in Boston today, the game where the NINE OLD MEN were to play against a team led by the Governor of Massachusetts. Clem McCarthy and Bill Stern were both there doing a play-by-play broadcast. But, so many telephone calls have come in, asking how the game turned out that I'll give the gist of a wire that just came from those four stars of the Nine Old Men, Colonel Stoopnagle, Paul Webb, Humorist Ted Shane, and Former Heavyweight Champion of the World Eddie Eagan. They say the game was stopped in the sixth inning with the Nine Old Men leading by a score of eight to three. Stoopnagle pitched until he was relieved by Walter Johnson, who, by the way, was supported in the outfield by two of Smokey Joe Wood's sons. Sounds like youth to the rescue of the Nine Old Men.

CRIPPLE

Three years ago, a gentleman of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, named Howard F. Hatzenbuhler, had an almost tragic accident. He fell from a tree, broke his back, and although he wasn't killed, the lower half of his body was paralyzed. His wife and children took over his business and kept things going. But the paralyzed victim had a dull time lying in bed, with nothing to do.

50 <sup>he</sup> ~~So~~ took up radio in a big way, became an accomplished ham, and joined a group of amateur high frequency operators. One of the members of that group was a doctor of Indianapolis. Last summer that doctor gave a dinner to the members of his group, ~~and the~~ ~~paralyzed Hatzenbuhler~~ including the paralytic. In that way the physician had a chance to examine his crippled friend and told him, "Your case isn't hopeless."

Today Hatzenbuhler is in the hospital, recovering from an operation at Indianapolis, and his Station, W8RGV, is crackling with bulletins telling his friends how he's getting on.

MESSAGE

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graces. But the lady was obdurate. *In fact she was adamant — toward her Adam.*

Yesterday he had an inspiration. He hired an aviator, a smoke writer, to fly high in the air above Omaha. And in letters several miles long the aviator spelled out a message not only to Helen but to most of Nebraska, *The smoke message in the sky read:* ~~that~~ "Wiggie loves Helen."

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