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In Paris General Pershing is confined to his hotel room, ~~and he~~ ^{again} under the care of a doctor. He is in France to visit American World War battlefields and soldier graves -- the memorial visit that he makes every year. Paris is having a heat wave, and this has been trying for the seventy-eight year old Commander-in-Chief of the World War A.E.F. ^{TP} Heat and fatigue have affected him seriously, and he has had to call off all engagements -- postpone his visit to the battlefields and war ~~gr~~ graves. His doctor tells him that he must not try to make his tour of those historic places where American troops fought and died under his command. General Pershing is too good a soldier to make light of doctor's orders, but in this case he shakes his head. This is what he tells the doctor:- "I promised the American troops in France," he says, "that I would return every year as long as I lived to visit their tombs and battlefields. I'm merely keeping my word -- as they kept theirs." So, in his seventy-eighth year and weak from a heat wave and fatigue -- he still insists that he will carry on.

OLYMPICS

An Olympic surprise was sprung today - quite olympic in its magnitude. The winter sports games for Nineteen Forty ^{are} ~~were~~ awarded to Germany, - ~~That's~~ the decision made by the Olympic Committee, meeting in London. The winter sports extravaganza goes to Germany.

Originally, both the winter and the summer games were ^{to be held in} ~~awarded to~~ Japan, but later on Japan asked to be excused - because of the China War. ~~conditions.~~ Thereupon the Committee awarded the summer games to Finland, ^{Helsingfors.} ~~I don't know~~ ~~why Finland didn't get the winter sports also~~ maybe ^{The} country isn't mountainous enough for ^{dowhill races} ~~speeding tests on snow and ice,~~ bob sledding and skiing. So the winter event was granted to Switzerland, St. Moritz. And all seemed to be settled for Nineteen Forty - summer in Helsingfors, winter in St. Moritz.

^{TC} Since then, however, there has been a controversy about that speedy, sliding sport on the snow - skiing. The International Olympic Committee and the International Ski Federation got into an argument on that old subject - "What is an amateur?"

They couldn't agree. After a lot of wrangling, the Olympic

Committee cut the Gordian knot by removing ~~the~~ skiing from the list of competitive sports. No skiing competitions to be staged in the winter games of next year. There's ^S plenty of ~~skiing~~ ^{speeding} for the long runners down the snowy slope^S, and lots of jumping, but skiing will only be an exhibition. With this decision, the winter sports authorities of Switzerland did not agree. With the cold weather games to be staged at St.Moritz, they wanted skiing competitions. So that started a new argument - between the Olympic Committee and Switzerland. The Committee gave the Swiss until today to decide, and today the Swiss decided - they said "No" - refused the games to be staged at St.Moritz. So now the Olympic Committee had to find another place.

The United States and Canada had been suggested.

But our own Lake Placid refused, on the ground that there wasn't time to arrange it, especially the financing. Montreal would accept for Nineteen Forty, but only if Montreal were assured of the ^{Winter} Olympic Games of Nineteen Forty-Four also. The Committee was unwilling to grant Canada both Nineteen Forty and Nineteen Forty-Four.

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That's the background of today's Committee action in awarding the winter olympics of next year to Germany. Hitler's Reich had them in the last Olympia^d - NineteenThirty-Six. That's one reason, however, for awarding them to Germany again. At Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the Nineteen Thirty-Six stands, ice rinks and various other equipment are still available, ready for any competition. The notice is short, but the things are ready - that's the logic in today's Olympic decision.

The Committee also announced awards for Nⁱneteen Forty-Four. London gets the summer games, and Italy the winter games. The British metropolis will be the scene of the running and jumping, the pole vaulting and javelin throwing. The snowy mountains of Italy will be the theatre of the ^{skating} ~~skiing~~) bob sledding and skiing.

CZECH

Today the Hitler regime in the land of the Czechs imposed on the town of Kladno a fine of five hundred thousand Crowns - which comes to something more than seventeen thousand ~~and~~ dollars. ~~It is~~ a huge sum for a small secondary ^{rate} place in Bohemia. A German Nazi policeman was killed in Kladno, and yesterday we heard how the German Nazi authorities had clamped down with repressive measures - and furthermore had threatened new retaliation if the killer of the Nazi policeman was not handed over for punishment. This new retaliation was put into effect today - that fine of half a million Crowns. However, the deadline for apprehending the policeman's killer was extended. It expired today, but was held over for twenty-four hours.

PASSPORT

In Moscow, the mysterious American woman, Mrs. Rubens-Robinson, was tried by a Soviet court today. She and her husband, who is equally mysterious, entered Soviet Russia with false passports, and there was talk about espionage. - Spying is a deathly business in the land of the Soviets. She was supposed to be a Mrs. ~~Rubens~~ ^{Robinson,} but, turned out to be a Mrs. Rubens - and today before ^{the} Soviet court she pleaded guilty on the false passport charge. Lucky for her, it was not a Communist military court, which so often hands out death sentences.

It was a mere civil court, ^{much less} ~~so~~ grim and ~~outrageous~~ ^{outrageous}. Mrs. Rubens-Robinson testified that her husband had persuaded her to visit Soviet Russia under false pretenses. The court sentenced her to eighteen months in prison, but because she had already been in jail that long - she was set free. She may still have to testify in the case of her husband, ~~called~~ Mrs. Rubens-Robinson - who is ^{still} ~~just~~ as mysterious a figure as ever.

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MEXICO

In Mexico City the government has made an arrest in connection with the anti-American demonstrations of yesterday. Students rioted with shouts that it was American sabotage that caused the crash and killing of the Mexican aviator, Sarabia. The man arrested today is Joel Torres, who is described as an anti-Jewish agitator. They say he was a leader in yesterday's disturbance. The charge is that pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic organizations stirred up the agitation against the United States - mostly for the purpose of making trouble for President Cardenas.

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There were two exceedingly busy people in these United States today - the sovereigns of Great Britain. They went speeding here, there and the next place - in Washington and vicinity. The news began with the revelation that last night, after the White House dinner, President Roosevelt and King George the Sixth sat up late - talking about serious matters of state, the European situation, the perils of war.

Today, Mrs. Roosevelt had a conference with newspaper women, to whom she introduced the King and Queen. To the ladies of the press she spoke glowingly about ^{her majesty.} ~~the Queen.~~ She expatiated on the interest of both the King and Queen in American social conditions. One of the newspaper women asked the First Lady how they ^{British Sovereigns} managed to know much about American social conditions when they've only been here a day. To which Mrs. Roosevelt replied - that they have a great gift for asking questions. To which the echo responds that Mrs. Roosevelt has a ~~great~~ gift for answering questions; so everything should be ~~highly~~ highly informative.

(King George and Queen Elizabeth made a visit to the Capitol, ^{under the great dome} where they met members of the Congress of the United

States. There George the Sixth heard himself addressed with a new title of eminence. The courtly way is to say, "Your Majesty." But Representative Patton of Texas called him - "Cousin George." Here's how the Texas Congressman himself describes it:- "I greeted the King like this, " said he. 'Cousin George, I bring you greetings from the far flung regions of the empire state of Texas.' It struck him like a thunderbolt," says Congressman Patton - and no wonder! I should think it would be more devastating than a thunderbolt - the sovereign of Great Britain being addressed as "Cousin George."

But that wasn't the end of the Texas ~~thunderbolts~~ thunderbolts launched by ~~George~~ the Congressman. He also called the Queen "cousin". "I said to the Queen," he relates, "Cousin Elizabeth, you're a thousand times prettier than your pictures. I mean that. You're nearly as pretty as the blue bonnet girls of Texas." What did her Majesty say to that thunderbolt? Says Representative Patton:- "And the Queen said to me, 'I thank you, sir.'"

(Later on, the royal party, amid thundering cheers,)

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proceeded to Mount Vernon - ~~where on~~ the tomb of George Washington) our first President, a memorial wreath was laid by George the Sixth. No, not George the Third - Sixth. George the Third would have given ^{Geo.} Washington another kind of wreath - made of rope ^{and} ~~for~~ around his neck. But (Revolutionary War days are long past, and there, at the grave of George Washington, was the descendant **and** successor to George the Third, and beside him was the present ^{White House} day ^{successor} to George Washington - Franklin Delano Roosevelt.) It was all symbolical of how the hatreds of long ago have long since been buried.

That symbolism was continued in majestic fashion when the British sovereigns went to the tombs of the Unknown Soldier - for another wreath laying. Solemnizing World War memories, when British and American troops fought side by side with France.

RECOVERY

A philosophy of recovery ^{is "reported" today} ~~was~~ propounded ~~today~~ before the National Association of Manufacturers in Pittsburgh.

Lamont Du Pont head of the great Du Pont firm suggested a four point program; ^{a program} representing established principles of business.

One: -- ^{lower the cost of all} ~~maintain high wages~~ materials that people need for living; two -- maintain high wages; three -- improve the quality and usefulness of goods that are now sold and ^{also} develop new goods through scientific research; four -- create new tools for equipment and facilities, including new capital.

This is the advice that Lamont Du Pont gave the manufacturers. "This program" he said "has been evolved out of a century and a half of experience. It's the product of democracy. it places the burden of responsibility for social development squarely on the shoulders of free enterprise, where it belongs."

~~In other words recovery is up to business.~~

GOLF

The name that flashes from Philadelphia this evening is --

Craig Wood. He's ^{now} leading the field in the National Open Golf championship ~~as the second round ends.~~ Craig Wood came in with a seventy-one today, with

a total of one hundred and forty-two for the two rounds. In

second place are Denny Shute and Bud Ward, with a total of

a hundred and forty-two each. ~~TF and W~~ What about champion Ralph

Guldahl? The champ had trouble with his putting today, and

couldn't do any better than seventy-three. That's four over ~~par~~

for the Spring Mill Course.

~~par~~ Guldahl has a total of a hundred and forty-four for the

two rounds -- as the golfers go into the third and final round.

Tomorrow will tell the tale -- tell us who the next open *golf*

champion is to be.

KIDNAP

A story of emotional drama comes from San Francisco - a child kidnapped by its nurse. Ransom demanded - with threats against the child's life. Today the ^{little boy} ~~child~~ was recovered ^{ing} and the kidnapping nurse arrested. She refused to tell who she was.

The name under which she was going ^{was} ~~to~~ a false one. She ^{said} ~~declared~~ she demanded the ransom of ^{one} ~~a~~ ^{six hundred} thousand dollars to help someone ~~is~~ near and dear to her. ~~She~~ She wouldn't tell who that one was.

She proclaimed dramatically that she would go to prison for life - rather than tell. She'd plead guilty and take a life sentence - before she would reveal who she was or the identity of the near one and dear one for whom she wanted the ^{ransom money.} ~~thousand dollars of kidnap~~

money.

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She told a moody story of the kidnapping - said she planned it carefully. She happened to see her employer's bankbook which showed a balance of eighteen hundred dollars. In her room she wrote the ransom note, with the little boy in her care playing beside her. In her confession today she had this to tell:-

"While I was writing threats to kill him, he interrupted me several times with his little games."

KU KLUX

It sounds like old times to hear of a Klonvocation
of the Ku Klux Klan, kleagles, ^{klaverns}~~clanions~~ and all. But that's the
news from Atlanta, Georgia, where two hundred ~~Ku Klux Klan~~
Ku Klux leaders gathered today for a secret klonvocation.
There was a report that there ^{might}~~may~~ be a change of leadership -
that the present Imperial Wizard, Hiram Wesley Evans, will retire.
This rumor is denied with a qualification, however. "The
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RETAKE

While the mother was on a shopping trip, the nurse packed her belongings and left - taking the child with her. She even put the little boy's toothbrush in her bag - a hint of the good care she took of him while she had him.

Constant questioning made her confess. And constant questioning also made her break down and tell her two secrets - her real name and the one for whom she wanted the money:- ~~her~~ *it was her*

Mother. Today the mother was found. A farmer woman running a pig farm near Nassau, New York. When she was told the story about her daughter, she exclaimed: "Why, a thousand dollars would clear up the title to the farm." *save the pig farm.*

~~Further inquiry brought the story that last summer the girl disappeared and there was a hunt of bloodhounds through the woods. Her mother offered to sell the pigs on the pig farm to raise money to pay for information about the daughter. The girl was later located in Baltimore - she had merely gone away.~~

~~Now the trouble in San Francisco, because of the kidnapping attempt to raise money to pay the mortgage on the pig farm.~~

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EXPEDITION

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At Cambridge, Massachusetts, a scientific expedition was announced today - and the theme song should be the Christopher Columbo chantey. There are various unsolved problems about those discoveries that began when - "In Fourteen Hundred and Ninety-Two, Columbo sailed the ocean blue." And a group of Cambridge historical students are going to investigate these problems in a highly practical way. They're going to retrace the voyages of Colbumbo, singing all the while - "For ^{he knew} the world was round, yo, ho."

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They're going to do it in a smart steel schooner, though Columbo's SANTA MARIA was not so smart ^{ly built} of steel. They'll sail from the port of Palos, in Spain, just as Columbo did, and shape his course to the Indies. ~~These~~ Thus they hope by practical sailing to answer some questions about - "that navigating, exploring son-of-a-gun Columbo." + s-l-u-Monday,
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