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WAR

Today Great Britain was bombed from dawn until  
i far into the night. The German planes came over in waves,  
~~twenty at a time~~ <sup>and</sup> There were fierce air battles. The London  
Air Ministry ~~xxx~~ announces that ~~at least twelve~~ <sup>many</sup> Nazi  
~~it~~ sky craft were shot down. It still remains uncertain how  
much damage this mass air raiding day-after-day is doing  
in Great Britain - whether important objectives are being  
hit, whether the destruction is vital ~~is~~ in a military sense.

Britain had a bomb headline today, and the name  
featured was - King George. The Monarch of the British Empire  
had a narrow escape in a Nazi air bombardment. King George  
was inspecting British troops in South England, and five  
minutes after he arrived on the scene, Hitler's war planes  
flew over. Bombs hit not far away from where the King stood.  
He watched the raid, and refused to take refuge in an air raid  
shelter - he was so much interested in watching British  
fighting planes in pursuit of a German bomber.

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The British, on their part, are raiding into Germany, bombing harbors and important centers - trying to cripple the invasion of Britain, which is still ~~expected~~ expected.

Rome still ~~insists~~ insists that the Italian fighting forces did heavy damage to the British fleet in the Mediterranean. Rome states positively again today that blasting bomb-hits were scored on a ~~Great~~ British battle cruiser, the Hood, the world's largest fighting ship. Also, the aircraft Carrier Ark Royal, which the Germans ~~had~~ claimed to have sunk some time ago. And the Italians say they blasted still another British battleship. These reports are denied in London, just as positively as they're ~~asserted~~ asserted in Rome. Mussolini today issued a bombastic victory proclamation - claiming triumph in the

bulletin in which the British say the Italian Fleet ran away.

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Rome reports <sup>an</sup> disaster to the Italian Navy -

the loss of a troopship. The story is that a transport caught fire - accidentally apparently, not in a fight. The flaming ship, with more than nine hundred soldiers aboard, SANK off the coast of Albania. More than two hundred lives lost.

A late story from Rome declares that Italy and Germany have definitely stabilized things in the Balkans. With pledges from Soviet Russia and the balkan countries that they won't make any warlike moves -- not just yet. Anyway, not until after the battle of Britain. The contention is that Hitler and Mussolini have straightened out the Balkan tangle temporarily. So that the invasion of Britain can begin.

MARTINIQUE

There's still a dilemma at Martinique with the United States being drawn into the picture. The British are blockading the French island in the Caribbean. ~~They want to get the big aircraft carrier in the harbor. There is hesitation about starting any fighting, because of the interest of the United States in the Martinique ~~affi~~ affair -- interest along the line of the Pan American safety belt. The Washington Government is trying to avert the danger of a clash.~~

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Today the French authorities at Martinique report that a proposal was made that the large <sup>French</sup> aircraft carrier in dispute be interned in an American port, New Orleans for example. Keep it ~~in~~ in an American port so the Germans won't get it. However, the French in Martinique turned this proposal down.

## IRELAND

All plans to line up the defenses of Great Britain and Ireland are off. ~~The Dublin Government will not accept the protection of British troops — against a possible invasion by Germany. British soldiers will not be permitted to enter nationalist Ireland. This decision comes after a breakdown of negotiations between the DeValera Government and Northern ~~Irish~~ Ireland, Ulster.~~

The idea was that the two sections should join forces for a common defense, ~~of Ireland~~. But ~~the~~ Ulster ~~Government~~ demanded that Nationalist Ireland ~~should join Britain in the war~~, declare hostilities against Nazi Germany, Dublin insisted that Ulster ~~should~~ withdraw from the war, be neutral, ~~and joins in a union with Nationalist Ireland.~~

Today the Ulster Prime Minister, Lord Cragavon, stated:- "The suggestion that Ulster become neutral in this crisis is repugnant to the very soul of loyal Ulster. Northern Ireland is at war," he continued, "and will stand by the ~~British~~

*British Empire!"*

POOL

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The British are making an important proposal to the United States - a suggestion to pool economic resources. This is connected with President Roosevelt's plan to establish a cartel system for the Western Hemisphere, all the nations of the Americas to coordinate their export and import business. The angle is that this would be a way to check a totalitarian economic offensive against this hemisphere - dictatorship nations scheming to get trade control in the Pan-American countries.

So, now, Great Britain is making a further suggestion - why not combine the trade resources of the Western ~~Hemisphere~~ Hemisphere with those of the British Empire, a Pan-American British pool? The British view, of course, would be to act against Germany and Italy, enforce the British blockade of the continent. Secretary of State Hull today declared that the London plan has not yet come under consideration, has not been formally discussed.

The Secretary of State thereupon made a revelation - a charge that Nazi Germany is trying to intimidate several of the Central American nations. Berlin warning them against supporting

anti-Nazi economic policies. This refers to the conference of all-America republics which is scheduled to begin on June Twentieth at Havana. Nazi Germany seeking to intimidate American republics and influence their decisions at the conference.

SOVIETS

News from Moscow, a new problem confronting the Soviets.

It concerns the proletarian - wine tasters. We all know what wine tasters are - those exquisite experts who take a sip of wine, roll it under the tongue, and tell you instantly how good it is, what brand, what vintage. Some of us, however, may not have suspected that in the land of Red Communism they have wine tasters. I suppose the idea is to pick only the rarest and choicest of wines for the proletariat. The masses must have the right vintage. So they have wine tasters - and how:

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Today that top ranking Soviet newspaper, *Communist* ~~Isvestia~~, comes forth with a blast. It accuses the wine tasters of doing entirely too much tasting. Instead of taking a sip and rolling it delicately under his tongue, the proletarian wine tasters *have been* guzzling ~~it down~~ *ing it* by the bottle. *is* Isvestia claims that the tasters are drinking so ~~many~~ much more wine than necessary for the job, that it costs the Soviet Government two million and two hundred and twenty-five thousand rubles a year. *Something that is neither* ~~and that's not~~ according to Marx ~~and~~ *or* Lenin. Isvestia names one Red expert who in his professional capacity sips the vintage at the rate of twenty-three quarts a month - twenty quarts of still wine and three of champagne. And still another goes in for collective tasting. Of



course, collectivism is orthodox Communism. But this particular taster is accustomed to invite groups of non-professional tasters. And that in America is known as throwing a party.

Isvestia brings up the ideology, and announces that wine-tasting is a true proletarian profession, all according to ~~the~~ Marxism, Leninism, Stalinism and the party line. But the tasting should be done in moderation. In tasting the wine, you're not supposed to drink it all. That's capitalistic, says Isvestia.

MEXICO

The Mexican election becomes more complicated. They're still counting ballots cast in the presidential contest between General Camacho and General Almazan. Camacho is supported by the Cardenas Regime.

Today, the Mexican Government issued a drastic statement. It declares that the partisans of General Almazan have placed themselves - "outside of the law". Those are the words used, "outside of the law", and that certainly does sound like outlawing.

Why this drastic pronouncement? The Cardenas Government claims that the Almazanistas are having a vote count of their own. They're counting ballots independently, doing it by themselves.

The Government claims that when the official counting began at designated places, both parties were to be represented by electoral officials, supervising the count. However, no Almazanista official showed up. To this the supporters of Almazan make ~~reply~~ reply. They say that their electoral officials tried to go to the vote counting places, but they couldn't get there. They were stopped, found their way barred. So what did they do?

The Almazanista declaration states the following:- "In order to protect their own lives and avoid bloodshed", it says,

"they decided to meet at a secret place and count votes - which they are doing now.

It's all very puzzling. How the deuce two political parties can count votes independently, each on its own, will be something of a mystery to most Americans. What votes are they counting? Has each grabbed off a flock of ballot boxes? However it may be, here's a late dispatch from Mexico. At Vera Cruz the <sup>ment</sup>govern~~ment~~ election officials announce that they have completed the counting of the local vote and these are the figures:- seventeen thousand, six hundred for Camacho; two thousand, two hundred and two for Almazan. We are told that there were no Almazanista officials present during the count. They were in another part of Vera Cruz, holding an independent vote count of their own. Ah Senor, politics are perplexing down below the Rio Grande.

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The Mexican political puzzle, however, is no ~~ixi~~ light exercise in ingenuity. Mexico City is an armed camp, bristling with bayonets to guard against possible disorders - possible revolt. Both candidates declare with absolute certainty that they have won, and General Almazan has threatened to set up a separate government, if he's counted out.

*Now for tonight's installment of the Mystery Serial - Will he? Or won't he?*  
 Postmaster General Farley talked to the newspaper men

again today. They're hot on his trial, because of that peculiar eminence which he enjoys - he knows about a third term. *For, didn't* President Roosevelt <sup>*tell*</sup> ~~told~~ Jim whether or not he will seek reelection? *He did. Jim admitted that.*

The line of reportorial questioning today concerned the report that the Democratic Convention may nominate by acclamation. <sup>*Why*</sup> ~~Don't~~ bother about balloting? Just get up with one ~~XXXXX~~ unanimous whoop and nominate Franklin D. ~~Roosevelt~~ for a third term. This idea is being propounded by enthusiastic New Dealers. Jim Farley was asked about it today, and he said "No". He's against nomination by acclamation. He spoke his mind as follows:- "I don't see any reason," said he, "why there should not be nominating speeches. There shouldn't be any such procedure as nominations without a roll call. The Convention, he summarized, should follow the usual roll call procedure and let the states make their choice among the nominees."

Is he for or against a third term? The P.M.G. answered in these words:- "My position on that is unchanged." Well, his position has been that he <sup>*has been*</sup> ~~is~~ against a third term. And he still is.

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The questioning and answering produced no revelation on that one point which makes Jim Farley so eminent at the

moment. He kept his silence and secrecy concerning what the

President told him about a third term. *So the mystery remains a mystery, and there will be more installments.*

BOMBS

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One startling headline today told of a bomb plot to blow up the Republican Convention - a conspiracy to blast the presidential gathering of the G.O.P. This sensational report brought forth a series of affirmations and denials.

The story appeared first today in the Philadelphia Inquirer. It stated that bombs were found and persons arrested - some of the bombs in Convention Hall, others nearby, one *even* *personally* addressed to Pennsylvania Governor James.

This convention bomb plot story was affirmed by Police Commissioner Valentine of New York. He addressed a force of New York detectives today and warned them that there will probably be a series of bombings in this country - the doing of fanatics of one kind of "ism" or another. Then Commissioner Valentine declared that two bombs were found near ~~Philadelphia~~ Convention Hall just before the big proceedings in Philadelphia were begun. A third bomb was discovered at a location which the New York Police Commissioner described in these words:-  
"In a hall or at a place where Communists gather," said he.

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All of this made the story seem to be true and factual. Philadelphia, however, contradicted vigorously. The authorities there emphatically denied that there had been any plot to bomb

the Republican Convention, and denounced the story as a lie. *After*  
*which*  
~~Then~~ a Philadelphia Deputy Police Commissioner made a cautious  
admission. "There is something to the reports," said he. And  
~~then~~ he added this qualification:- "Perhaps not as much as some  
think," ~~he said.~~

The last word on the subject came from the F.B.I.  
The G-men in Washington said - "No", there was nothing to the  
Convention bomb story. Then the F.B.I. gave an explanation which  
seems to account for the reports. Bombs were found in  
Philadelphia; but they had nothing to do with the grand rally of  
the G.O.P. They were discovered before the Convention opened,  
and investigation showed that there was no Republican angle to  
the case. Some other kind of criminal scheme.

To all of which the citizen on the sidelines will say  
- it's gratifying to know that there was no ~~murderous~~ murderous attempt  
against a major American political gathering. But - it's a fine  
state of affairs to find that bombing schemes are being hatched  
by crackpot fanatics of Nazism, Fascism, Communism, or any kind  
of ism.



BIBLES

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Here is the sad story of the downfall of a Bible student, a deplorable tale of the backsliding of the prize Sunday School pupil of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

He's eleven years old, and how he edified the church members! - getting up in the Bible class on Sunday, and quoting the right chapter and the right verse. Then - singing soulfully from the hymn book. Uniontown, Pennsylvania, never knew a lad who so earnestly attended Sunday School.

Now comes the lamentable story, painful to relate. Last night the eleven year old honor Bible student, with a couple ~~xxx~~ of his Sunday School pals - broke into the Zion Methodist Church. And what did they do? They proceeded to stage a ~~xxxx~~ Wild West battle with hymn books and Bibles. They went on a rampage through the church, throwing hymn books at each other, and tossing a barrage of Bibles. Now that was backsliding for you, but the worst is yet to come. After tossing a ~~xxxxxxx~~ those righteous volumes all over the place they gathered up the hymn books and Bibles and made a stack of them at the foot of the altar. And the honor Sunday School pupil lit a match and set them on fire. They nearly burned up the church.

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Today the ~~deplorable~~ deplorable back sliders were questioned.

The eleven year old pride ~~xxx~~ of the Sunday School choked a

few sobs and said - he didn't know why he did it. ~~was~~ maybe

~~it was~~ just a reaction against too much goodness. ~~too much~~

Sunday School, too much ~~Bible class~~.

RUNNER

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At Bloomington, Indiana, a man whom the police wanted on a minor charge - tried to run away. What a chance: Two state policemen had a warrant for Elmer Childers, and when he saw them coming Elmer made a dash across a field. Elmer is fast on his feet, a pretty good runner - but what chance ~~did he~~ did he have? One of the state policemen lay down his gun, whipped off his tunic, and started in pursuit. <sup>How did it end?</sup> ~~what happened?~~ ~~xxx~~ Well, I need only tell you the name of that police officer - Don Lash.

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~~Yes~~ Yes, that same Don Lash who was one of the greatest runners of all time, the Indiana track star who until recently was making headlines by breaking records. He's now an <sup>In</sup> Indiana state ~~policeman~~ policeman. Too bad, Elmer. The next time - pick a fat cop who used to be a muscle-bound wrestler, or something. <sup>And S-L-U-T-m</sup>

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