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(Tonight world-wide attention is focussed on a speech President Roosevelt made in Canada today.) He really made two addresses, first, at Queens University at Kingston, Ontario, the second an address dedicating the Thousand Islands Bridge. But the speech at the University has the limelight. For in it President Roosevelt made a statement guarantying United States protection for Canada. ("The United States," said he, "will not stand idly by if domination of Canadian soil is threatened by any other empire.")

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This, of course, is a major declaration of quick political principle. Nothing strange, to be sure. I suppose all Americans feel that way about Canada. But today's official declaration seems to be a formal extension of the Monroe Doctrine. That historic principle was enunciated to protect the Latin-American Republics to the south of us. It has never been thought to include Canada -- a member of the British Empire. Now (President Roosevelt seems to expand the Monroe Doctrine to include everything from the Canadian Arctic Ocean to the tip of Cape Horn.)

REPUBLICAN CONTEST.

A contest is to be held, and ^{the} fate of this Nation may depend upon it. Fifteen thousand dollars in prizes are to be offered, but the result may be important beyond any computation in the terms of money. The contest is to be held by the Republicans, and National Chairman John Hamilton announces it. ~~We all know the significance of the grand old party in this land of ours, the value of Republican principles and Republican policies.~~ However, ~~the forthcoming~~ ^{TP This} contest deals ~~not~~ with principles nor with policies, but with Republican oratory. ^{TP} Now there's something to think about - Republican oratory, ~~It~~ sure can stand a lot of improvement -- especially with F. D. R. chatting to the Nation and charming the land. So the G. O. P. now announces a nationwide oratorical contest for young Republicans. The winner will get fifteen thousand dollars and possibly turn out to be a keynoter of the future.

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A melodramatic note was intruded today into the proceedings of the Congressional committee investigating Unamerican activities. The case of Harry Bridges has been brought before the investigation -- that Pacific Coast Labor leader who has often been accused of being an alien radical. The United States Labor Department today handed over to the committee a complete file on Bridges, his full record. The Department asked the committee to keep secret the names of people who contributed information to the file, saying that if their names were mentioned -- they might be in danger of violence. That seems melodramatic. *And,* a touch of the mysterious is added by a statement that affidavits about Bridges and Communism are not so secret after all -- he knows about them. Word concerning them leaked out.

One thing said today was that five hundred dollars had been offered to a witness to disappear, go to Mexico and keep out of sight -- a witness linking Bridges to the Communist party.

The committee proceedings continued with testimony about the enlisting of American volunteers for the Civil War in

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Spain -- volunteers to fight with the Left Wingers. They were enlisted -- to take a crack at Hitler. A witness, Abraham Sobel told the story of how he and two other young men met a recruiting agent in Boston. They were given money, sailed for Europe and made their way by devious routes into Spain. The whole operation tinged with the Red of Communism. Chairman Dies of the committee asked Sobel whether the Communists over here told the recruits that when they came back from Spain their next fight would be in the revolution over here - they'd be ready for Red revolution in the United States.

"Oh that was understood," the witness laughed.

50 Altogether the testimony tended to show that the business of sending American volunteers to Spain was in Red radical control.

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HINES.

There was something of a sensation today at the New York trial of Tammany leader James J. Hines. It is always startling when a witness for the prosecution repudiates his own statement accusing the defendant.

One of the witnesses listed against Hines is Julius Williams, a Negro who was an election captain for the district over which Hines presided. He was also employed in the policy racket. One bit of evidence against Hines is an affidavit signed by Williams in which he declares that he went to Hines and asked for help in getting a job. And Hines sent him to George Weinberg, Lieutenant of Dutch Schultz in the policy racket.

Thus far in the trial, ^{the} only direct testimony connecting Hines with the Dutch Schultz policy racket has been given by Weinberg. And the affidavit of the Negro policy worker was confirmation of dealings between Hines and Weinberg. Therefore important.

But today Williams repudiated the affidavit he made. On the witness stand he declared he signed it because an

Assistant District Attorney made him do it.

"He shouted at me," swore the witness, who added that he could not read.

He said he was taken to Weinberg, whom he didn't know, had never seen before. And Weinberg told him to agree to the story the District Attorney wanted ^{--- about} --_λ Hines sending Williams to Weinberg. Other testimony described how the policy lottery was run, and in this there was mention of the name of Judge Erwin. He's a Judge whom District Attorney Dewey names in the accusation that Hines fixed policy racketeer cases with Judges.

PUBLIC ENEMY.

Public enemy number two had his last day in Court today. He's Charles Bird, to whom the authorities assign second rank as a criminal. They tried him for seven Baltimore robberies, and found him guilty. His wife was on trial with him, charged with being accessory to the fact.

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Today the wife's case went to the Jury. *And then* immediately after Bird himself was brought up for sentence. The Judge gave him forty five and a half years in prison. He could have got one hundred and forty years -- save for pleas of guilty on some of the charges. So he is spared twenty four and a half years. There doesn't seem much difference, with forty five and a half years to serve.

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The world of boxing has the new phenomenon of a triple title holder who wears the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns -- Henry Armstrong. But that marvel of the championships in one champion is not the dominant theme of discussion today. The boxing world was talking mostly about Armstrong's injuries. Last night the dusky buzz-saw took the lightweight title from Lou Ambers, but it was the loser who got the wild ovation. And today we have the Doctor's report of how badly the winner was hurt.

It all appears to have developed in the dramatic sixth round when the whaling, whamming negro knocked his rival down. It looked like the count of ten for the Herkimer Italian. But Ambers got up, and in a savage flurry of fighting fury he smashed Armstrong in the teeth and knocked his mouthpiece right out of his mouth. It would appear that then the Negro's lip was badly cut on the inside, perhaps driven against the edge of the mouthpiece -- that protective covering which fits over the teeth.

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a medico who's been attending to prize fighter's injuries for thirteen years. The Doctor makes this report "Armstrong has the worst lip I ever saw in my career," says he. "It's so badly mangled it looks like it has been pounded with a rough-edge steak hammer."

That explains why the Negro battler kept losing his mouthpiece during the latter rounds of the fight. Once he held it in the glove with which he was hitting his antagonist.

"His mouth ~~is~~ says the Doctor filled with blood so rapidly he either had to swallow the mouthpiece or spit it out." "No one," he continues, "knew how badly Armstrong was bleeding until after the fight. I took him back to my office for an examination. He became very ill -- he'd swallowed a quart and a half of blood."

The Doctor's diagnosis, raises the surmise that Ambers might have beaten his rival down if the fight had gone on.

There's plenty of comment that the decision by the

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judges was all wrong, and that Lou Ambers should have had at least a draw. The loser is the hero of the hour which, of course, is the biggest kind of buildup for another fight between the two. When will triple champion Armstrong meet defeated Ambers again? Not so soon, according to what the Doctor says.

"Armstrong's cut lip needs at least fifteen ~~xxxx~~ stitches to close it properly," declares the medic, "and it will take three or four months to heal completely." Meaning Armstrong could hardly fight within that time.

CHINA.

China war news tonight brings mention of such fantastic phenomena as ghost battalions and artillery detachments dedicated to the God of War. (The Japanese are making a surprise drive a hundred miles south of Hangkow, trying to flank Chinese positions on the Lusham Mountain.) And there they are being opposed by the ghost battalions.

Chinese troops, completely covered with mosquito netting, heads wrapped in netting. That's to protect them from the Malaria mosquitos that are creating an epidemic in both Japanese and Chinese armies. The troops wrapped in white ~~netting~~ netting look at night like wraiths and spectres. ^{that name -} Hence ghost battalions.

At the same time the Mikado's men were trying to force a landing on the banks of the Yangste River, at Lion Hill. Against them ^{the} God of War ~~artillery detachment~~ artillery detachment. That's a Chinese unit dedicated to the divinity of battle. The dispatch tells of Japanese landing-parties, in launches, blown out of the water by the shells from the guns of the God of War.

Here's another colorful Chinese term, ^{and} it occurs in

sinister fashion, the term -- "yellow way." A Chinese group called the Yellow Way Society. Not patriotic! Pro-Japanese! And today it comes into the news with a melodramatic assassination.

Yesterday the Chinese Superintendent of the international settlement Loh Lien-Kwe issued a circular to the press, calling for the arrest of a fat man, the obese personality being Zang Yu-Chin, the leader of the pro-Japanese Yellow Way Society. He weighs three hundred and fifty pounds and they call him - the **Blimp**. It is believed that the **Blimp** has taken refuge in the Japanese concession, and there is directing terrorist activities in behalf of Japan.

Today the Chinese Superintendent of Police drove in his car to the Central Hotel in Shanghai. He stepped out into the crowded street and five men blased away at him with pistols, killing him instantly.

In the excitement the assassins walked away and escaped, members of the Yellow Way Society, it is thought - terrorist followers of the **Blimp**.

BARBARA.

At Venice, the City of Canals, is sojourning Countess Haugwitz-Reventlow, heiress of Five and Ten. Separated from her husband, she is vacationing on that fashionable shore, the Lido. Today at Venice there landed by plane Count Haugwitz-Reventlow, the estranged husband of the Queen of Nickels and Dimes. That alone would have aroused rumor and gossip concerning the much publicized pair. The Count proceeded to the lobby of the Hotel Excelsior, and there ~~waiting~~ waiting for him was the wife with whom he quarrelled. Did they kiss each other? If so, that would have made rumor and gossip complete. But they didn't. They merely shook hands, went into the bar and there talked for half an hour in ~~fi~~ friendly confidential fashion. All of which is enough to make rumor and gossip say tonight that ^{there} may be a reconciliation between the Danish nobleman and the American heiress whose international marriage and domestic troubles have made so many headlines.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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A meeting was held today, with two men talking in what is described as a conference of critical importance. The Czechoslovak problem, has been increasing in menace during the past few days -- with the Sudeten Germans rejecting the offers of the Prague Government. There's danger that the whole attempt to compromise the minority dilemma may collapse, and that would bring the peril of German invasion and of World War. So today, in a determined effort to prevent a collapse, Lord Runciman had his first conference with Konrad Henlein ---the British nobleman who is ~~xxx~~ trying to mediate and the Chief of the Sudeten Germans. Everything is kept in secrecy -- no revelation concerning the meeting that may mean much for peace or war.

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SCIENTISTS.

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A much debated question was answered today before the British Association for the Advancement of Science. What is a Jew? At Cambridge, England, Professor Griffith Taylor of Toronto University contended that there ^{is} no Jewish race, only a Jewish religion. Concerning this ancient people that originated in Palestine so long ago, he held that the Jews of Europe were simply Europeans in a racial sense. So he said: "The term Jew should be used only in connection with religion. We should use the term Jewish cult rather than Jewish race."

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With a direct fling at the Nazi Germans, the Professor declared that the Jews are racially mixed people -- and so are the Germans. Three-quarters of the European Jews are a broad-headed type, just like the rest of the peoples of mid-Europe -- and especially like the South Germans. Then he gave this definition "the Jews are a composite culture group with a specific religion." So, the Jewish race is a meaningless term, while the Jewish religion is clear and affinitive.--

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