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SUBMARINE

H ~~The most interesting story in connection with the war~~
Now for ~~today, tells of~~ the adventure of twelve ^{torpedoed} ~~torpedoed~~ sailors.
Paul ~~B~~ Gilbert, who saw ^{it all} ~~that torpedoing~~ with his own eyes,
arrived in Baltimore today, and told the tale. Gilbert was one
of the crew of an American tanker. ~~The American oil ship was~~ ^{about}
two hundred miles off the English coast ~~when~~ a submarine popped
up ~~beside her~~ in a fog. The U-boat signalled the tanker to stop,
sent for the tanker's master and his papers. ^{Says} ~~and~~ Gilbert: ~~says~~
"Our captain got into one of the small boats, ready to obey the
orders of the Germans, when the fog lifted." About a mile and a
half away lay a British steamer, masquerading under the flag of
the Irish Free State. The German sub promptly left the American
tanker and moved over to the British ^{vessel,} ~~steamer.~~ The British crew
went overside hurriedly in three boats, and the sub then proceeded
to shell the Britisher.

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The captain of the U-boat undertook to tow one of the
~~ix~~ boats of the Britisher but in the heavy sea that was running ^{the}
^{small} ~~that~~ boat was swamped. So the officers of the submarine shouted to
the men to catch hold of the side of the U-boat. And there they
hung while the German cruised over to the vicinity of the American

tanker.

The drama of that rescue lay in the plight of those British

The U-Boat officers told them frankly that
seamen clinging to the side of the submarine. ¹ if a British

destroyer or plane ~~had~~ showed up, the submarine would ~~have~~

instantly submerged and ~~there those mariners would have been~~ ^{leave them to their fate.}

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~~floundering helplessly in the waves~~ But, the badly worried British

sailors were hauled over to
the American tankers and
taken aboard.

BACON

Here's a curious notion - bacon from a sheep! The notion comes from Great Britain of all places. Britishers at war are being vastly discommoded because the Germans have tried to cut off the Britishers' breakfast bacon. Most of it came from Denmark and the Baltic countries. President deValera of Eire has forbidden the export of ^{Irish} bacon. So, now the British Minister of Food is making an experiment; ~~or~~ trying to turn mutton into bacon. —

Just as the alchemists of old tried to turn lead into gold. Mutton into bacon may be harder!

SO CHEER UP

That lively ^{Canadian} newspaper in New Brunswick, the Sackville Tribune, prints some ^{pertinent} ~~pertinent~~ paragraphs. Here they are:-

William Pitt said: "There is scarcely anything around us but ruin and despair."

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Wilberforce in the early 1 Eighteen Hundreds:
"I dare not marry, the future is so dark and unsettled."

Lord Grey in Eighteen Nineteen: "Everything is tending to a convulsion."

Duke Wellington, on the eve of his death (1851):
"I thank God I will be spared from seeing the consummation of ruin that is gathering around."

Lord Shaftesbury (1848): "Nothing can save the British Empire from shipwreck."

As the heading for the story giving the above paragraphs the New Brunswick newspaper prints three ^{apt} words:

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SHIPS

~~It became known today that the~~ ^{The} Belgians are ⁱⁿ ~~likely to be~~
^{difficulties}
~~in a bad way~~ because United States ships cannot traffic in their

waters. ^{Result? —} ~~This anxiety caused~~ a visit to the State Department today

by the Belgian Ambassador to Washington ^{who} ~~is~~ wanted to find out

whether there was any possibility of Belgium obtaining some

American ships. The withdrawal of our merchant vessels from

Belgian ports has already caused distress among ^{the people there.} ~~the Belgians~~

Acting Secretary Welles told the Belgian Ambassador
that he would have to get his answer at the U.S. Maritime Commission.

PAN-AMERICAN

Representatives of twentyone American republics met at Washington today, and started the sessions of what is called the Inter-American Economic and Financial Conference. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, made the speech of welcome to the delegates. He told them if they can solve their problems, it will be a milestone to a peaceful, happy and propserous new world. Those problems included the business of finding the means of increasing trade among the Americas.

New credits would be necessary, he added, but they must be based on sound economy. A large amount of capital is availabel in the United States to develop new activities and new industries elsewhere. But, he observed, it cannot be used until investors are assured that their investment will be safe.

Appropos of that, here's news from Mexico.....

OIL

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A ruling in the Supreme Court of Mexico becomes important American news today. It's an opinion in the great oil controversy, the seizure by the Cardenas Government of four hundred million dollars' worth of properties owned by foreign companies, ~~largely~~ ^{largely} ~~American~~ ^{American}, ~~those of the United States~~.

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Actually, the Mexican Supreme Court has not yet made its ruling in the case. But the court did make public an opinion written by one of the justices, an opinion on which the court still has to vote. And this opinion upholds the Cardenas Government in almost every important detail.

The oil companies had complained that the law of Nineteen Thirty-Six was unconstitutional; that's the law under which the properties were seized. The opinion that went out today is against the companies, finds that law was not unconstitutional.

In just one particular does this opinion favor the companies. That's in the matter of the funds ~~belonging to the~~ ^{Mexican} ~~companies which were~~ seized by the government along with the oil properties. The opinion as read today by the clerk of the court recommends that the government give those funds back. But as for

the properties themselves, the opinion finds that the expropriation
decree was perfectly constitutional and lawful.

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FLIERS

Uncle Sam's good-will fliers, all but one of them, are in Rio de Janeiro tonight. One of the seven flying fortresses which are making a tour of South America, bogged down at the capital of Paraguay and damaged one of its propellers, due to the landing field -- but the other six, after their long flight down the West Coast and ^{across} ~~XXXXXXXX~~ the Andes, today rolled into Rio.

FARMERS

We've heard labor unions declaring the fervent hope that Uncle Sam would not be dragged into the war. We've heard the leaders of industry and finance echo the ^{same} wish, ^{fervently,} ~~passionately.~~ And today the farmers voiced their attitude.

Representatives of a million of them in thirty-six states are gathered at Peoria, Illinois, for the annual meeting of the National Grange. And Louis Taber, master of the Grange, said that at all cost America must remain neutral. "Much as we would like to see evil suppressed," said the master of the Grange, "we are not the keepers of the ^{entire human} destiny of the race. Though the ^{said Taber,} American farmer's prices are low," and he needs added income, he wants no added dollars stained with human blood," ^{cried} the head of the Grange.

CORN LOAN.

Uncle Sam will again loan money to corn growers.

It was announced at the Department of Agriculture in Washington that Secretary Wallace will make his program public shortly.

Farmers who complied with the restrictions imposed by the A.A.A., will be able to borrow on about the same terms as last year, fifty-seven cents a bushel.

McNUTT

The time has come for the government to make it easier for the great masses of the people to have not only doctors but lawyers. ^{Such is} ~~That~~ the latest pronouncement of ~~the Honorable~~ Paul ~~McNutt~~, Federal Security Administrator, also candidate for president, when, as and if he gets a chance to run.

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McNutt made a speech at Washington today to five hundred members and guests of the National Lawyers Guild. Legal services, he told the lawyers, must be made available to the people to insure that their rights under law are protected. He said that since government affects ~~more~~ ~~people~~ every year, it is particularly necessary for ^{everyone} ~~people~~ to have legal protection. And he's going to suggest to President Roosevelt that the whole field of government social services should be made broader.

ASHBURN

One of the ~~flows~~ that has been brewing in Washington for months concerned the Inland Waterways, ~~Corporation. This is~~ a body ~~that was~~ created by Congress fifteen years ago at the suggestion of Major General ~~Thomas C.~~ Ashburn, ^{of the U.S. Army,} ~~United States~~ ~~Army, Retired.~~ The idea of the Inland Waterways ^{body} ~~Corporation~~ was to bring back canal and river commerce in this country. ^{And} Major General Ashburn became the first President and Chairman of the Board, and held the post ever since. Two years ago, the I.W.C. started to show a profit, and last year netted over a million dollars for the government.

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Then Congress passed the government Reorganization Bill, and President Roosevelt placed the Inland Waterways Corporation under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce. For three months there has been antagonism between ~~Major~~ General Ashburn and the Department. Today the Department won, kicked out the man who had ^{originated the whole thing.} ~~conceived the idea of forming that corporation.~~ The job ~~from which he was kicked out~~ was immediately turned over to ~~a Democrat from Illinois,~~ Chester Thompson, ^{an ex-Democratic} ~~who used to be~~ Congressman ^{from Illinois.}

GOLD

A gold strike in Georgia, sounds like curious news. ~~Indeed!~~
However, as any old prospector will tell you, gold is where you
find it.

Long years ago, before even the days of the California
'Forty-Niners, an adventurer named Benjamin Parks, discovered gold
near a place called Dahlonega in the northern part of Georgia.
That was in Eighteen Twenty-Eight. A year later, the claim came
into possession of Senator John C. Calhoun of South Carolina. *It proved*
to be
~~It was~~ a rich property for the great statesman of the old South.

With even such primitive equipment as was then available, the
Dahlonega Mine turned out gold to the tune of one thousand dollars
a day, which is money in any Anno Domini.

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The mine was abandoned some thirty years ago, the
lode having apparently petered out. But ^{last}~~one~~ year ~~ago~~, it attracted
the adventurous spirit of Major Graham ~~at~~ Dugas, one of the American
flying aces in the last World War. Graham Dugas leased the land,
put miners to work, and drilled below the previous workings. At
that he didn't go very deep, only a hundred and fifty feet, when
he struck a new pocket of ore, an unmistakeable bonanza. The news

was announced today by the head of the Georgia State Department of Geology, and he declares ^{there in the pockets} that the ~~gold~~ will probably assay sixty thousand dollars a ton, and that's a conservative estimate.

And the vein got thicker the farther the miners dug down.

What's more, the indications are that with modern equipment, additional lodes and veins may be brought to light, which will make the old mine of ~~Senator~~ John ^{C.} Calhoun as rich as any of the other famous ore deposits in other parts of the world.

Having told this much, I must also repeat the warning uttered by the official geologist of Georgia. Let no prospectors come rushing to the scene of ~~the~~ strike. Every square foot of the land in the neighborhood is privately owned and there's no chance for any outsider to stake out claims as in the gold rushes or the famous old days of the Yukon.

But those who follow the lure of gold seldom heed warnings.

MAYOR

^{a strange}
~~a curious~~ tragedy occurred today, almost at the gates of
~~New York City~~ The Mayor of Long Beach, Long Island, escorted by

^{police}
his bodyguard, was leaving his home to go to the ~~Long Beach~~

City Hall. They hadn't gone far when ~~another cop showed up,~~ ^{a policeman appeared} on

^a motorcycle, ~~policeman~~ ^{cop} That motorcycle ~~policeman~~ fired five shots
at the Mayor of Long Beach and at his own fellow patrolmen.

He killed the Mayor, and seriously wounded the bodyguard.

He then went to police headquarters, told what he had done,

gave himself up, and he said to the chief of police, "I'm sorry I didn't get you too."

All this ~~sprang~~ out of a political squabble within

the police force. The ^{cop} ~~policeman~~ who did the shooting had been

for four years in succession President of the Patrolmen's

Benevolent Association. The Mayor was a reformer, who was trying

to clean up the city government. The Mayor had another candidate

^{local P. B. A., and the}
for President of the ~~Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the~~

^{The retiring head was embittered.}
Mayor's candidate won. ~~And there~~ was the cause of all the tragedy. ^{And that}

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HORSE

It has been quite a long while since we had a tall story on this broadcast. Today the ticker seems to be fairly sizzling with them, though they appear as true tales. Anyway, here are a

couple; ~~of them~~, one from Tucson, Arizona. There's a deputy

— not Al Fresco —
sheriff there named Al Franco, who has a horse named "Dick."

A fire broke out last night in the stable where Dick ~~lives~~ *has his stall.*

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Deputy Sheriff Franco is telling the world today that Dick

not only unlatched the door of the stable with his nose but

led five other horses ~~who shared the stable with him~~ to safety.

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~~and~~ The Deputy Sheriff vouches for it. A story like

that could have originated only out where the west begins.

~~and~~ Here's another, ~~one~~, from still further west, the State of Washington, to be exact. A party of hunters, *one of them* ~~included~~
Norman Bright, once a famous athlete of Leland-Stanford University.

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He broke several records including the five thousand meter mark for both indoors and outdoors. Bright was ~~making~~ *hunting* not with a gun but with a camera. He came in sight of a herd of a hundred elk

which included a particularly fine bull. Bright wanted to photograph the bull, but the animal wouldn't stand still.

So sprinter Norman Bright,
~~So Norman Bright~~

camera in hand, ran after him. At the end
of two miles, the bull came to a standstill, panting and
exhausted, and Norman Bright got his photograph.

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TRIPLETS

A physician at Sedalia, Missouri, made a peculiar

The stork was about to visit
professional bet. [^] One of his patients, ~~was about to add to the~~

~~population,~~ and this physician had a hunch that ^{the bird} she would ^{bring} ~~produce~~

more than one baby. So he made a bargain: ~~with her. If she~~

^{If} ~~produced~~ twins, he would charge ^{for} only ~~for delivery~~ the first.

For triplets, ~~he'd make~~ no charge at all; for quadruplets he ~~not~~

^{himself} ~~only wouldn't charge but he~~ would give the mother twenty-five

dollars. But for quintuplets, like the Famous Dionne Five, the

bargain was that the doctor and the family should split all the

money received from moving picture rights, ~~and~~ advertising

endorsements, and so on.

The doctor lost. All the ^{stork brought} ~~lady had~~ was triplets.

*And Hugh what have
You brought - tonight?*

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