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PEACE PROPOSAL

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The British Parliament today took a vote on the subject of peace. The motion was made by an Independent Labor member, named McGovern. He said there were many in Britain who believed that an attempt for peace should be made. "No opportunity," he declared, "should be allowed to pass, by which we might with intelligence, and if necessary in a spirit of compromise, bring this tragic devastating conflict to an end." He continued his argument in this fashion:- "Bringing peace to a country," said he, "is not discred<sup>itable.</sup>~~ible~~. It is a worthy motive." And the Independent Laborite added:- "There is no certainty of a great military victory."

This contention was answered by Lord Privy Seal, Clement Attlee. He's a Labor member of the Cabinet and he spoke for the British Government. He used these measured words:- "The alternatives before the country are not war and peace - but war and what kind of peace?" He asked - if a peace conference were called now, who would attend it? He wanted to know whether Hitler would presume to represent the countries he has overrun. "Our prime difficulty," declared Clement Attlee, "is that we are up against a people who do not accept any of the decencies of modern civilization."

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They have destroyed any vestige of freedom in Europe." He stated Britain's purpose in these words:- "Our aim is to establish a peace of free peoples."

The Commons thereupon took a vote and snowed under the peace proposal by a majority of three hundred and forty-one to four.

Meanwhile, there are rumors of a peace suggestion from another quarter - Portugal. The story comes from French Government circles at Vichy, and states that President Salazar of Portugal is going to approach the belligerent nations with suggestions for ending the conflict.

KING

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There was drama in the British port of Southampton today - that old historic harbor so terribly bombed of late. King George went to Southampton to inspect the wreckage - and hearten the people. He saw a scene of devastation - also a scene of popular enthusiasm. George the Sixth paid special honor to a woman who is hailed as the heroine of Southampton. Her name - Miss Tadpole. Strange, what odd names the English sometimes have. We Americans note them with a smile. But an odd name can be accompanied by the highest flame of courage, as is illustrated in the story of Miss Tadpole. She's the organizer of a woman's volunteer service at Southampton. And today King George was told the story how Miss Tadpole found herself in a position of desperate peril. Two buildings on either side of her were aflame, the walls threatening to fall. Instead of promptly escaping, Miss Tadpole undertook to save two mobile canteens that would have been engulfed by ~~falling~~ <sup>collapsing</sup> fire and masonry. She drove one of the mobile canteens out of the area, then returned for the other. She was barely clear when one of the buildings ~~collapsed, and~~ came crashing down a few feet behind her.

Such is the story that King George <sup>the VI</sup> heard today about

Miss Tadpole, heroine of Southampton. While he was hearing it, there was added drama - as a Nazi warplane flew overhead.

Anti-aircraft fire roared and bursting shells dotted the sky.

As the King drove away in the royal car, the Nazi plane was still high above, pursued by the telltale puffs of smoke.

## WAR

The war in the air has slowed down a great deal, because of the weather. Both sides are impeded by soggy landing fields and by icing conditions so dangerous in aviation. The bombing of Britain has slackened. The R.A.F. today however struck at the Rhineland and Turin, the great industrial city of Northern Italy. London tells of heavy blasting and huge fires.

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The Greek War is still in the crisis of bitter fighting, with Athens reporting that the Italian base at Porto Edda has been cut off and isolated. Some accounts say the Greeks have entered Porto Edda. And that other Italian base Argyrokastron is said to be about to fall. (Bulletins from Rome indicate that the Italians are strictly on the defensive and Greek sources believe that the Fascists are simply trying to hold their lines intact while they organize a heavy counter attack. There are rumors that Italian assaults are being planned for Christmas time.

Rome today gives us a report of a volunteer for the Fascist Parachute Corps. It hardly seems news -- somebody trying to join up as a parachute soldier. But look who it is -- Carnera,

Primo that same Carnera who was the most gigantic of all heavyweight champions. Yes, old satchel-feet, lofty and ponderous -- who

had a great deal more bulk than fighting craft. Imagine <sup>the Leaning</sup> ~~satchel~~

<sup>Tower of Garganzola</sup> ~~feet~~ Carnera, flinging his ~~weight~~ frame out of a airplane and dropping

<sup>elephantine</sup> his ~~weight~~ weight ~~at~~ the end of a parachute. Then landing with the

old satchel-feet on a battlefield. It certainly would terrify the

enemy. In fact, it terrified the Italian Parachute Corps. They

turned Carnera down. He weighs <sup>around 300</sup> ~~two hundred and ninety-two~~ pounds

now and they figured they'd have to make a special parachute for

him -- extra large, double-size. So the former heavy-weight champ

will have to enlist in some other branch of the service. ~~THEY~~ They

might use him as an imitation of Hercules to frighten the Greeks --

who don't seem to frighten so easy. <sup>or as the Colossus</sup>  
<sup>of Rhodes.</sup>

## SHIPS

Today there was a protest against the proposal to transfer large numbers of American merchant ships to Great Britain.

The protest emanates from the maritime unions on the west coast.

They claim that a wholesale transfer of American merchant vessels to the British would weaken United States national defense.

Also, say they, it would increase unemployment - would throw

American sailors, dock workers, and so on, out of jobs.

STRIKES

In Washington today the statement was made that the United States aircraft industry is facing an epidemic of strikes. So said Democratic Representative John Costello of California. He declared that the companies making war aviation equipment for national defense and for Great Britain are everywhere being faced with demands for higher wages. This follows the strike at the Vultee plant in which the union workers secured an increased wage scale. Aviation workers in general are demanding that same ~~wage scale~~ <sup>scale</sup> ~~xxxaviationxxx~~ said the Congressman. This, he reckoned, might add an extra two hundred and fifty million dollars to the national defense cost. Or it might, in his words - "bring the entire aviation defense program to a standstill."



ROOSEVELT

*We never had*

~~I don't suppose we had~~ any doubt about the purpose of

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President Roosevelt's cruise to the Caribbean. In spite of the official secrecy and the President's own laughing way of avoiding questions, *it was clear that* he was sailing *for* southern waters to inspect United States defense in the West Indies. Today this was made official at the harbor of Kingston, Island of Jamaica. In the fifty destroyer deal, Jamaica was named as the site of one of the naval and air bases that the British granted to the United States.

Today, aboard the ~~United States~~ Cruiser TUSCALOOSA, President Roosevelt received the British Governor-General Sir ~~Frederick~~ Arthur Richards and other British officials, and thereupon the TUSCALOOSA accompanied by two destroyers, steamed down the coast. After twenty-five miles they were off Portland Bight. That's the specific place where an American air base is to be established. The President and the Governor-General, without leaving the cruiser, scanned the lay of the land, the contour of the shore - the site of the new defense base for the American control of the Caribbean and the defense of the Panama Canal.

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## INAUGURAL

This world is full of coincidences - we all know that. Take the following - in Washington. President Roosevelt's next inauguration is being planned, and tickets for the inaugural grandstands are being put on sale. The address where the tickets will be sold is seven hundred and twenty-one -- Fifteenth Street, just across the street from the Treasury. Now it happens that that same address was the Washington campaign headquarters of Wendell Willkie. Selling the Roosevelt inaugural tickets there might seem to be rubbing it in. But today officials shook their heads solemnly and said - it's just a coincidence.

W.P.A.

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Today a million W.P.A. workers were told that they must accept regular employment - whenever they can get it. The statement was made by ~~Lykingin~~ Acting W.P.A. Commissioner Howard Hunter. He threatened that W.P.A. workers would be taken off the relief rolls - if they refused jobs offered to them. To one million persons on W.P.A. he made this declaration:-

"You are required," said he, "to accept bona fide offers of ~~private or public~~ employment, whether of a permanent or temporary nature."

## CRASH

A story of tragic irony was revealed today concerning the airplane crash at Chicago last night - the accident in which eight lives were lost. ~~The incident occurred at Cleveland, where the ill-fated sky liner took off.~~ The captain was Pilot Philip Scott, and he took extra precautions for safety. He changed from one plane to another - so as to take no chances.

At the Cleveland airport, with passengers aboard, he was all set to take off for Chicago. The control tower gave the signal - go ahead. The motors of the big plane were roaring. But Captain Philip Scott didn't like the way they sounded - "a little rough," said he. So he wouldn't take off. He wanted to fly with motors, not a little rough - but entirely smooth. So he transferred his passengers and crew to another plane, the motors of which were as smooth as silk. This was the ill-starred plane which flew to Chicago, and crashed with fatal effect while trying to make a landing.

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Today an investigation seeking the cause of the accident disclosed that the wings and tail surfaces of the giant liner were coated with a quarter of an inch of ice - it was

ice-forming weather in Chicago, though the plane had de-icing equipment. It's an old story - the formation of ice is one of the greatest dangers of flying. A frosty accumulation distorts the flow of air over the surfaces of an airplane, and this may make the control of the plane faulty. However, officials said today that a quarter of an inch of ice should not have been enough to cause an accident. They pointed out that other planes had landed under similar circumstances shortly before. So ~~the~~ <sup>still</sup> ~~cause of~~ the crash remains a mystery.

WOMEN

Today we hear something rather alarming about the future of women. *If you admit that* ~~You know~~ a woman can have a future as well as a past.

Today's ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ prophecy comes from the Hollywood expert on make-up, Max Factor. He tells us what the woman of the future will look like, and he ought to know - because his job is to make the woman of the present look like what she ain't. He says that a survey of the feminine trend shows that woman will become taller, heavier and darker - brunettes and redheads predominating, not blondes. Complexions will be darker, and M'lady's features will change. The woman of the future will have a higher forehead, a shorter jawbone, larger eyes, and bigger lips. She'll also wear less clothing - as if she doesn't wear little enough right now.

In other words, M'lady in times-to-come will be a swarthy, half nude, giantess and a chinless highbrow, with thick lips and goggly eyes.

Such is the feminine future - let's hope it's far enough in the future.

DOGS

The snow was heavy in the Buffalo area, making the countryside look something like the Swiss Alps - that region of eternal snow. At a police station the telephone rang. A woman's voice spoke:- "I wish you'd keep a look-out," said she, "for my two dogs. They're lost in the snowstorm. They're valuable dogs, and I'm afraid they won't know what to do in all that snow and blizzard."

The police sergeant asked:- "What's the description of the dogs?"

"Oh," came the answer, "they are St. Bernards!"

Well, shades of the pious monks of the Alpine Pass of St. Bernard, who bred those famous St. Bernards to rescue travelers lost in the snow! Now, I suppose, we'll have to breed travelers to rescue ~~the~~ St. Bernards.

GANGSTER

Today at St.Louis, a jury handed down a verdict - not guilty. And this ends an aftermath of one of the most famous crime cases in American history. The defendant found not guilty was Leo Brothers, who served eight years in prison for the killing of Jake Lingle.

That crime was a nine-day wonder back in the gangster era of prohibition, when the bootleg mobs rolled high in wealth and power, and when Scarface Al Capone was underworld lord of Chicago. Remember Jake Lingle, the Chicago newspaper reporter who was killed by gunmen of the mobs? And then it was discovered that this influential newspaperman had been closely tied in with the bootleg and murder gangs? The case climaxed with an arrest and a trial - the conviction of a gangster named Leo Brothers, for the murder of Jake Lingle. He was sentenced to prison for fourteen years, while controversy continued to blaze around the affair.

While in prison, Leo Brothers dedicated himself, not to thoughts of escaping or making trouble - he turned inventor. He invented a combination-cigarette-and-cigarette-lighter - which  
— a self-lighting cigarette.  
does sound like quite a combination. He applied for a patent on



it, and planned to start a business with his cigarette contraption when he got out of prison.

Recently, after serving more than eight years, he was released. But, instead of going into business with his invention right away, he was promptly arrested - charged with another murder. That crime had been committed before the killing of Jake Lingle, and was connected with labor racketeering. A taxi driver was assassinated in Chicago. A few days ago, Brothers was put on trial. There was a lot of testimony against him, but today the jury returned a verdict of - not guilty. So now I suppose the central figure in the celebrated case of Jake Jingle can go ahead with his self-lighting cigarette.

You just pull out a cigarette and strike it on your pants.

And that brings me panting to my Blue Sunoco finale

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.