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The latest word from Peru is that the insurrection was begun by students, several of whom were killed in clashes with the gxx police. Whereupon the angry citizens rose, and a full-fledged revolution was on - at Arequipa, second largest Peruvian city. There were heavy casualties in fighting between the insurrecto^{ns}s and the government forces, in which the insurgents took control of the city.

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~~late news just in - a revolution in Peru,
At Arequipa, second largest Peruvian City, a broadcast
announcement states that the rebels won quick control
of Arequipa, and have the support of the local soldiers,
university students and most of the population.~~

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headed by a doctor - who was a candidate for vice-
president on the opposition ticket in an election to be
held on July second. But, a day or so ago, an election
board, ruled that the opposition ticket was ^{illegal,} ~~out of~~
order, tossing it out - and it was the only slate of
candidates running against the government. ~~Now~~ Which
seemed to give the government a clear way - except
that, now, a revolution has broken out.

RENTS

Rent control was in another snarl today - the version passed by the House not agreeing with rent extension okayed by the Senate. So now the bill is before a committee, which is trying to harmonize the two editions. The difference is that the Senate voted to extend the Federal ceiling on rents until the end of this year, December thirty-first, Nineteen-Fifty. While the House added another month - extending control until January thirty-first, Nineteen Fifty-One.

This disagreement gives another chance to Senator Cain of Washington - who went out on a filibuster against the Senate bill to start with. Today the Washington legislator said he might renew that verbal battle. But the general opinion is that the whole thing will be straightened out in a hurry.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Republicans in the Senate will give their support to the Social Security Bill. So stated by Senator Milliken of Colorado, who declares the backing will be - "almost unanimous." The bill would bring another ten million people under Social Security, and almost double the benefits.

Senator Milliken says that he and Democratic Chairman George of Georgia will jointly introduce a resolution authorizing a study of Social Security coverage for all Americans. This, on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. They criticize the present system, which puts a large part of the cost off into the future, and call for "pay-as-you-go."

CRIME

The Senate crime investigation got around to the subject of counterfeiting today - with the chief of the Secret Service giving figures for a large increase of late. During a seven month period, up to last February, one-hundred-and-forty-seven new issues of counterfeit appeared, that many new types of spurious bills. The total amount passed off on the public came to more than four-hundred-and-seventy-two-thousand dollars.

Secret Service chief U. E. Baughman told the committee of an epidemic of counterfeiting in the post-war period - all tracing back to wartime rackets based on rationing. Crooks found it easy to manufacture fake O.P.A. coupons and stamps, and pass these off on the public - the good old public not being too scrupulous about buying ration tickets in violation of the law. Which made them suckers for crooks, who jumped into O.P.A. counterfeiting. So that got them started - and, afterward, they went on to fraudulent money.

(The Secret Service chief declared today that

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the counterfeit racket, with headquarters in cities like Chicago and New York, reaches out through the criminal classes all over the country. A crook anywhere can make connections through underworld contacts, and get in touch with counterfeit headquarters - buying phoney cash and then passing it off in his locality.)

A curious criminal story was told today - to illustrate. Down on the border, a gang of Mexican hoodlums went to Chicago, to buy counterfeit. To pay for it, they handed over marijuana. Which the false money mob could sell for cash - being in touch with the drug traffic. The Mexican hoodlums, having traded marijuana for counterfeit, were on their way back to the border to pass the fake money - but they happened to pick up a hitch-hiker. He, as it happened, was a thief, and stole some of the counterfeit - thinking it was genuine money, apparently. He started spending it, and the trail of counterfeit was picked up - leading to the Mexicans.

HOLLYWOOD

News from Hollywood -- a claim that powerful gambling interests took action against a motion picture about the racetrack-information-business and the book-making racket. Producer Frank Seltzer declares that threats and intimidation were used to keep him from shooting scenes in Las Vegas -- that Nevada metropolis of gambling. There, and in other places - the gamblers tried to block the making of the film about horse ^(race) ~~XXXX~~ information.

Frank Seltzer tells how at Las Vegas a representative of his was called to a conference ~~at~~ in a hotel owner's office, and found what he calls -- "three bruisers leaning against the wall". They were introduced in the following words: "These gentlemen are public relations men". And he was told that the making of the movie was, in the opinion of these public relations men - "harmful to the best interests of Las Vegas". The obvious implication is -- underworld.

PACIFIC

About the
Another smog story - ~~the biggest ever.~~ This
~~time~~ the smudgy blanket ^{reported} ~~extends~~ over an area of ^{some} three
million square miles ~~out~~ on the Pacific Ocean. ~~That~~
~~vast layer of smog hangs upon the great expanse of the~~
~~sea, all the way from Wake Island to Hawaii.~~

There's talk that it's - atomic. Maybe
something left from the atom bomb tests at Eniwetok, in
mid-Pacific - a lingering mass of radio active material,
perhaps. Nothing to it, says the U.S. Weather Bureau
at Honolulu. But the Hawaiian Planters' Association
made a check - taking Geiger Counters out into the haze
upon the ocean. But no radioactivity was detected.

According to weather scientists, it's ~~not~~
~~salt~~ smog. ~~That is, ordinary ocean~~ fog mingled with
evaporated salt; ~~fog and particles of salt~~, trapped
below a layer of dead air - a calm left when trade winds
died down. ^{At any rate} it's a record-breaker. ~~three million~~
~~square miles of salt smog.~~

NIZAM

Here's an answer to a question that has been asked for years - a question of oriental wonder, mystery of India. How rich is the Nizam of Hyderabad? He has long been reputed to be the richest man in the world - the Nizam of Hyderabad, with palace vaults crammed full of gold, diamonds, ^{and emeralds,} and rubies. But nobody ever knew how rich he was - not even the Nizam himself, apparently.

But now, Hyderabad has been incorporated into a newly independent India, the Nizam giving up his long time sovereignty as a ruling prince. He keeps his private wealth, ^{— his} hoards of treasure - but the Indian Government required an accounting, a bookkeeping inventory of ^{that} legendary wealth.

So the princely multi-millionaire, sixty-four years old, went to work, taking stock, as a merchant might - and today we have a dispatch from New Delhi, saying the inventory has come in. Several volumes in the Nizam's own handwriting. A list of assets ranging from castles to bushels of diamonds, from royal elephants to great pigeon blood rubies. Estimated values

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are attached, and the total comes to - five billion

rupees. ^{More than a} ~~One~~ billion dollars - the wealth of the Nizam

of Hyderabad. One curious thing about it is that the official figure equals the legend. It has long been thought that the Nizam was worth a billion, but now it turns out that his palaces, castles, and diamonds and rubies are worth a billion.

Extra

Commander Carlin Brinkley, of the Explorers Club in New York has just given me a North Pole item. It is about Peter Freuchen, the Danish explorer, and Ootah the Eskimo ^{from Etah.} Ootah ^{from Etah is} a life member of our American Explorers Club -- because he was with Peary at the North Pole -- that is, with Admiral Peary and Matt Henson.

Ootah, way up there in northern Greenland is ^(disturbed) ~~disturbed~~ about the state of the world. A lady member of the Danish parliament had just been to his town and had made a speech to the Eskimo. This bothered him, plus the fact that meat in that far northern part of the planet is now being sold.

Says Ootah, this world is rapidly going to the Devil -- because women are going around talking and ~~meat~~ meat is being sold. It is no longer a fit place for an Eskimo, ^{says Ootah.}

SOAP SCULPTURE

Now about a work of sculpture called - "insomnia." But how could you represent that abstract negation, sleeplessness - in a sculptured group? I put the question to the National Soap Sculpture Committee, which runs an annual competition, awarding prizes for figures carved out of soap - white, smooth Ivory. The prizes are donated by Procter and Gamble, and soap sculpture has become ~~quite~~ a hobby for thousands - an outlet for artistic inclinations. The exhibition is being shown at the New York Museum of Natural History, and the first prize in the advanced class goes to Lee Storch of Long Beach, New York, who wins two-hundred-and-fifty dollars for that sculpture in soap called - "insomnia."

The directors of the exhibition tell me that, especially with the younger sculptors, the favorite themes are - animals. There's a run of squirrels, horses and elephants this year - while, last year, seals were the favorite. But what has this to do with insomnia? What have animals to do with sleeplessness?

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You guessed it - sheep. The prize winner is a soap sculpture showing a line of sheep jumping over a fence. Counting sheep - symbol of insomnia.

BASEBALL

The current issue of Collier's Magazine publishes a story that would be hard to believe, unless it came from such excellent authority. It's about baseball and the authority is Ed Barrow, who for years was the business manager of the New York Yankees. He tells about the great second baseman, Tony Lazzeri, mainstay of the Yankee infield for years. Ed Barrow says that Tony Lazzeri was - an epileptic. They were always afraid he would have a seizure on the ball field, while he was making those dazzling infield plays. He did have attacks in the club-house, on a railroad train, and at other places - but never during a game.

In the minor leagues, Tony hit sixty home runs in one year, had a batting average of three hundred and fifty-five, and drove in more than two hundred runs. Naturally, major league scouts were sent to look him over, and they all reported he was a marvel. But - epilepsy. The Yankees, however, took a chance - and Tony Lazzeri won big league fame, under about as terrifying a handicap as you can imagine for a

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ballplayer. Think what might have happened in, for example, the crisis of a world series game.

"I don't believe," says Ed Barrow, "that the public ever knew this about him!" No, the public didn't know, because the other ballplayers and the baseball writers of the period never made any mention. The secret was kept as long as Tony Lazzari lived.

STUDENT

At Michigan State College, Professor Lucia Morgan was wearing orchids today - although you don't ordinarily think of a learned academic lady going in for those night club adornments. Madam professor sporting a corsage of orchids was something exceptional - but so is the story.

Student Robert Boston, a junior, wondered about a question many an under-graduate has asked. Do the profs really read those long examination papers they make the students write? Do they ever wade through the copious, labored theme? Bob had his doubts - so, when he prepared his examination paper for Professor Lucia Morgan, he inserted a note on page fifteen. The note, in the middle of an abstruse paragraph, said: "If you read this far, I'll buy you an orchid."

So now you understand why today, at Michigan State College, Professor Lucia Morgan was wearing orchids.

1/3 Nelson - do you want to give an orchid to anyone?