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ROOSEVELT

(A project of tremendous proportions which will affect the welfare of ten states, was ~~made public~~ ^{announced} today by President-elect Roosevelt. It is a plan to develop the entire valley of the Tennessee River.) It will reclaim a large area in the territory south of ^{the} Mason and Dixon ~~Line~~ Line.

George Van Slyke in the New York Sun ~~points out that~~ ^{declares} it is the most elaborate bit of national planning that will ever have been attempted by the Federal Government. It will at first be an experiment, but if it is successful it will be ~~re~~ repeated in other sections of the country, especially Ohio and Arkansas.

(Mr. Roosevelt figures that it will provide employment for at least two hundred thousand people. It entails bringing under control the waters of the Tennessee River) and this in turn is expected to help regulate ^{Old Man River himself - the} ~~the old~~ Father of Waters, the Mississippi. Reforestation will be attempted on a large scale also. ~~in that district.~~

STEEL

Some encouraging news comes from Youngstown, Ohio.

A story in the Youngstown Vindicator tells us that the skies over Youngstown are ~~is~~ brighter both literally and figuratively. Three Bessemer Converters in that steel center are making steel for the first time in months. Twenty-four of that district's eighty-three open hearth furnaces are now working.

ITALY

Over in Italy Premier Mussolini is taking drastic measures to put an end to the economic crisis. Il Duce has organized a body called the Industrial Reconstruction Institute. And its purpose is to reorganize Italian Industry on a healthy basis. The correspondent of the Brooklyn Times Union cables that it began work today by weeding out weak and unhealthy industries.

R.F.C.

The President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation today asked the Finance Committee of the Senate for an additional appropriation of one hundred and fifty million dollars. This would be used ^{for} ~~to~~ direct ~~xxxxxxxx~~ loans to various states for unemployment relief.

ROUMANIA

Another foreign ~~xxx~~ country sent in a bid today for an opportunity to discuss with Mr. Roosevelt the debts it owes Uncle Sam. That country is Roumania which hitherto has ~~xxxx~~ made all her payments promptly.

JAPAN

A tactful and ingenious speech has just been made by the Mikado's Ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Debuchi told the New York Chamber of Commerce today that "of all the Western nations, the United States will derive the greatest benefit from the economic regeneration of Manchuria."

GENEVA

Then, the world disarmament conference is on again.

The delegates are assembled at Geneva and are considering the plan for limiting the world's ~~armies~~ armies and navies which was offered by France. Hugh Gibson is representing the United States.

AIRPLANES

Two United States airplanes have been seized by the Government of Peru. They ^{are} ~~are~~ transport planes used to carry mail and passengers down the west coast of South America to Chile. They've been conscripted by the Peruvian government for use against Columbia on the Upper Amazon River in that squabble over the town of Leticia.

CANADA

A lot of heated discussion is going on in the Dominion of Canada over a big barter proposal which has been made to the Canadian government by the Soviet. The idea is to exchange seven million dollars worth of Russian oil for seven million dollars worth of Canadian cattle. The idea has been rejected by ~~the~~ Prime Minister Bennett's government, but we learn from the Toronto Star that there ^{is} a movement on foot to carry it through by private enterprises on the part of prominent Canadian cattlemen. Some of the ~~Canadian~~ ^{Dominion} papers are rather caustic on the subject of the ⁱⁿ government's attitude in turning the proposal down.

WOMEN

A Canadian politician has an interesting diagnosis

for ~~the country's~~ ^{today's topsy turvy} economic ^{state of affairs.} conditions. Women, he says, are

to blame for the depression. ^{Ha ha, now we know the reason!} A story in the Montreal Star

informs us that this official, a Montreal Alderman, told the

Legislature of the Province of Quebec that a sure cure for

depression would be the complete elimination of young women under

^{— not from the earth, but}
twenty-one [^] from business.

After they're twenty-one, apparently the dear girls

^{in the marts of commerce,}
can't do any harm [^] It's all a trifle beyond me.

CRICKET

There ^{has} been a good deal of chuckling throughout the sporting world over a row that arose in Australia concerning a ~~xxx~~ cricket match. That row not only stirred up public opinion enormously in ^{the Land Down Under,} ~~Australia~~ It has now been brought to the attention of ~~the Dominions Office~~ of the British Government in London.

There ^{has} been a good deal of talk in the United States concerning over-emphasis on sport. But never yet in the history of the U.S.A. has ^{the Government been asked to consider} ~~a question~~ whether a certain ball is fair. ~~come up~~ for government consideration.

A British cricket team has been touring Australia. The row started because ~~xxxxx~~ in one of the important test matches a bowler, who correspond^s ~~ent~~ to the pitcher in baseball, dusted off the batsman, in fact beaned him. Well, of course, the bean ball is no novelty in baseball. Apparently this episode in Australia is the ^{fi}st time it was ever tried in cricket.

And it certainly seems to have been effective. First of all the Australian cricket board cabled the officials of the

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ruling body of cricket in England complaining that the visiting British bowlers had been unsportsmanlike in using the bean ball. This infuriated the English cricketers who demand the withdrawal of the term "unsportsmanlike". The newspapers took it up and claimed that the incident was likely to damage relations between the two countries.

The question was taken up in the House of Commons and finally today the Club that is the ruling body of cricket in England, sent a delegation to His Majesty's Secretary for the Dominions to explain the episode.

All of which has been giving American sports writers a considerable chuckle.

DUKE

Times certainly have changed in England when they talk of arresting a Duke. The ~~xxx~~ wearer of the strawberry leaves in question is His Grace, ^{yes - that playboy} the Duke of Manchester. A hotel at a seaside resort obtained a judgment ^{- summons} against His Grace who failed to appear in court at the proper time. So the court ordered His Grace imprisoned for forty-two days. *And it looks as though a Duke is going to jail.*

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GERMANY

(The main ^{ad} fist of Chancellor Adolf Hitler began to show itself today. Germany ^{launched} ~~began~~ another election campaign, her sixth in less than a year. It began with bloodshed and street battles. In Berlin alone five are dead and a score ~~were~~ wounded.

H. R. Knickerhocker cables the New York Evening Post that the country is getting a foretaste of what rule by the Hitlerites, the Nazis, will mean. The Prussian Minister of the Interior has ordered the suspension of all police officers who suppressed the Nazi riot at Hamburg, where three Hitlerite storm troopers were killed. At the same time he ordered ~~the~~ a state funeral for a Nazi storm trooper who was killed by Communists. Then, throughout Prussia all Communist meetings have been prohibited. The Prussian police also raided the headquarters of the Red party in Berlin.

(All cables report that feelings ^{run high all over} ~~are tense throughout~~ Germany. It is quite evident that the Hitlerites intend to curb their opponents with an iron hand, ^{is} also that the opponents are not going to take it lying down.

FOLLOW GERMANY

Later in the day Chancellor Hitler gave a sensational interview to a group of newspaper men. The burden of his discourse was a plea to the rest of the world to suspend judgment on the Nazi regime. He used these words: "Crucify me if at the end of four years we have not succeeded."

He said further that Germany must find herself again or the red flag of ~~the~~ Bolshevism will be flying ^{from the} ~~all over~~ ~~the country~~ Rhine to the Silesian plains.

RABBIT

And here's something that really is news. Out in California a snorting ~~xi~~ wild-eyed rabbit engaged in combat with a dog and defeated the dog. The rabbit in question weighs eight pounds. After one bite from that rabbit's teeth the dog ran ~~humping~~ ^{yelping} into the house. ~~of its owner.~~

I should add that the story comes from Tulare, California, not far from the birthplace of Mark Twain's Jumping Frog of Calaveras County. And I somehow have a hunch that rabbit had a drink of Blue Sunoco.

DIVORCE

The State of Delaware is going after the divorce trade in a big way. At least, if certain ^{Delaware} legislators ~~in that state~~ are successful. We learn from the Baltimore Evening Sun that a bill has been introduced in the ^{state} ~~Delaware~~ Senate repealing all ~~the~~ existing divorce laws, together with another bill making drastic changes in the methods of obtaining divorces. The second measure provides that ~~divorces will~~ ^{they} be granted in Delaware

after a ten day residence, and for any cause whatsoever. ^{If your wife} ~~the~~ ^{bill} searches the soup you just go to Delaware. The ^{bill} provides still further that in no case will any alimony whatsoever be granted. If that goes thru I am told

~~And I know~~ ^{quite a few men} ~~who~~ will be moving to Delaware.

MURDER HUNT

They're having a peculiar kind of murder hunt over in New Jersey. The murder ^{er} is a mean ~~scoundrel~~ ^{blaggard} who has poisoned fourteen dogs. The dogs were prize dachshunds worth about nine thousand dollars. The crimes were committed in a kennel in North Hackensack, New Jersey.

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A story in the ^{N.Y.} World Telegram quoted the inspector of police as saying that so far as he is concerned it's the same as any other murder case. "A fellow mean enough to do a trick like that probably would enjoy murdering a human being," ^{he} says the inspector.

G.O.P.

An amusing piece of political news comes from Washington today concerning the beer bill. At the beginning of the Lame Duck session ~~XXXX~~ G.O.P. leaders were either indifferent or opposed to it. Now they are prepared to do their utmost to help the Democrats ~~to~~ pass it. And why are they doing this? Because, ^{explains} ~~says~~ the correspondent of the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, they see in it a chance to lay a trap for the President.

If the beer bill is passed, it is generally understood that Mr. Hoover will veto it. This, they feel, will make the President so unpopular that there will be no chance of his ^{attempting a} ~~making a~~ come-back in 1936.

^{friendly}
Nice ~~little~~ playmates, these politicians.

BONFILS

Anybody who ^{has} ever lived ^{in the} West or even visited the West will be interested to learn that Fred Bonfils, the famous publisher of the Denver Post died this morning. Bonfils was one of the spectacular figures of the modern west, and one of the most successful publishers in America. Concerning his methods and reputation, perhaps the less said the better. But his success was unquestionable, ^{as was also his courage.} The people who didn't like him were almost as numerous as the thousands who eagerly read his paper every day. But his enemies never got him, although ^{on a number} ~~within~~ ^{of occasions they shot at him.} Within the last few months of his existence he started a lawsuit against the Rocky Mountain News, the Scripps Howard newspaper in Denver which bade fair to develop into a trap of Bonfils' own seeking.

I knew him well and he certainly was full of dynamite.

~~Good Evening, Everybody.~~

Today, February 2nd, is Candlemas. That is, it's
Candlemas in Europe. ~~Over~~ On this continent we ~~know it better~~ ^{have a more poetic term. We call}

^{it}
~~is~~ Groundhog Day.

In ^{most of the} ~~the~~ Eastern ~~Atlantic~~ States at any rate, the
groundhog certainly saw his shadow. Once upon a time that was
believed to mean that six more weeks of severe winter were ahead

of us. Dr. Blair, of the great Bronx Zoo, says the groundhog ^{is a false} ~~is not~~

^{alarm} ~~over~~ as a weather prophet. He's been wrong for the last five

years in succession. Dr. Scarr, Uncle Sam's Weather observer in
New York, ^{comes back with, "well,} ~~says~~ that may be so, but the groundhog knows just as much
about the next six week's weather as any human observer can
possibly know."

A story in the ~~Philadelphia Evening~~ Camden
Courier Post from May's Landing, New Jersey, says: ~~Groundhog or~~

~~no, the~~ farmers in Southern ^{New} Jersey are thumbing their noses at the groundhog today. The weather is so mild, and there ^{has} been so little frost in the ground that the soil is in excellent condition and farmers are starting to plant broccoli, cabbage, tomato^{es}, and spinach. In other words, they ^{are} say^{ing}: "spinach to ~~you~~ Mr.

Groundhog. (Out in Greenville, Ohio, the Liars Club, famous far + wide, is holding its annual banquet tonight.) In New York a groundhog, evidently bored with the

burden of prophecy that is thrust upon his breed, committed suicide. His owner was taking him ~~in a cage~~ to the top of the Empire State Building, so that he might see his shadow from there.

On the way ~~there~~ ^{there} he gnawed his way out of his cage, jumped down ~~from~~

the auto into the traffic on Fifth Avenue, and was run over. He has gone to the Groundhog Walhalla where it's always fair weather.

SPANKING

Now for a piece of information that ~~will interest~~
~~will~~ not only should but will -- interest children and their
parents alike. The tendency among educators of late years,
especially the highbrows, is to decry the old-fashioned spanking.
Well, the pendulum seems to be swinging. Dr. E. E. Free in
"The Week's Science" quotes the Senior medical officer of the
school system of London, England. That ^{eminent London medico} ~~doctor~~ came out with the
statement that the most scientific way ~~is~~ to punish a child is by
the old-fashioned method: over ^{dad's} ~~parent's~~ knee with the palm of
^{dad's} ~~parent's~~ hand functioning in the traditional way. But, says this
medical officer, you must be sure the spanking is hard enough to
be really painful. Another necessary feature of the method is
that it must be done immediately while the parent is still angry.
This is explained on the ground that if you wallop him while
~~your~~ your anger is still warm, the child understands you
perfectly well. If you put it off until later and administer
a dose of "reasoning" along with it, this impresses the child
as one of the thousand things that grown-ups do but that no sane

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child can understand.

(laugh)

Mental punishment such as scolding and the so-called reasoning with the young, are unnatural, says this doctor, and usually ineffective. Pain^{to}~~ing~~ the skin, such as results from a good workmanlike spanking, is nature's method of training all young animals.

What do you think about it? ^{I shall be} ~~I should be~~ curious

^{to hear with you,}

~~to see what~~ reaction ~~there~~ is to this. ~~paragraph~~

HOMEWORK

And, oh yes —
~~Here's~~ another little item for parents. The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin quotes a father as asking his son how he got on in school today. "Not so hot", replied Bobbie. "That problem you helped me with last night was all wrong." The father was embarrassed and *muttered:* "Well, well, that's pretty *bad!*" But the boy reassured him, saying: "Don't worry about that, Pop, none of the other boys' fathers got it right either."

After that one I'll have to go home and brush up on my own homework, and ~~say~~

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.