

LEWIS

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Another attack on the New Deal by John L. Lewis. The President of the C.I.O. expressed himself today not only about the Democratic government, but also specifically about President Roosevelt. The Democratic Party, he declared, is in default to the American people because after seven years of power it has not solved the major problems, unemployment, low income, increasing debt, growing taxes and restricted foreign markets.

Lewis then made a political forecast. He said that six important states, Democratic in the last election, are swinging over into the Republican column. Those states are Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. As for the President, ^{Lewis} ~~he~~ said he did not believe that Mr. Roosevelt would be a candidate for a third term, but if he does, ~~says the head of~~ ^{he} ~~United Mine Workers and C.I.O., the President~~ will take an ignominious defeat, ^{says John L. Lewis.}

When those remarks were quoted at the White House, Secretary ~~Steve~~ Early made a reply in somewhat indirect fashion. He refused to comment on what Lewis had said, but ~~he~~ pointed out what William Green, President of the A.F. of L., was doing.

What Mr. Green was doing was bringing the President a birthday cake, a huge bit of confectionery carrying fifty-eight candles, and ^{its} ~~to~~ five and a half feet high. ^{Also} ~~It was~~ made by the bakery and confectionery workers union of the A.F. of L. There was a slight mishap attending that birthday present. They had to take it to the White House in a truck and on the way the truck ran into a snowbank. ^{This} ~~It~~ jolted the cake and somewhat damaged its architecture. However, the confectioners Union will repair the ^{huge} ~~cake~~ before tonight when it is to be shown at a banquet that's part of the program of the paralysis drive. Together with the cake, William Green gave the President a check for fifty-eight hundred dollars, contributed by ~~the~~ labor unions to the infantile paralysis fund. — the March of Dimes.

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COAL

Governor James of Pennsylvania made a spectacular announcement today. It concerns the huge anthracite coal industry of Pennsylvania, one of the most important industries in the union, but for a long while in the doldrums, ~~harred~~ harrassed with price wars and ~~bootlegging~~ bootlegging. That was one of the first problems ~~that~~ former Judge James undertook to settle when he became Governor of the Keystone State. He appointed an anthracite emergency committee. And the work of that committee is now to bring fruit. The huge anthracite industry of Pennsylvania will start next Monday. The committee has worked out a stabilization program. There's no N.R.A. in this program, no government interference or control. The conditions and rules have been worked out and imposed upon the people in the industry by ^{those persons} themselves. And Governor James adds that an increase in the price of coal is not part of the program.

VETO

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A veto by President Roosevelt, the first of this session of Congress. It's over a Social Security payment to the State of Ohio. When Martin Davey was Governor of the Buckeye State, there was an argument between Ohio and the Social Security Board. The heads of the security system withheld something over a million dollars from Ohio because it charged that Governor Davey was using the state Social Security machine for political purposes. So Congress passed a bill to reimburse Ohio, pay over one million three hundred and thirty-eight thousand dollars of federal social security.

That's the bill that the President vetoed today. ^{And the} ~~and said,~~
~~among other things, that if this bill ~~was~~ were to become a law,~~
~~it would make it possible for any state agency to violate civil~~
~~service laws, to discriminate and do other irregular things.~~
~~Then, after the Social Security Board withholds funds, the state~~
~~can run to Congress at a later date and get the money back. That,~~
~~in part, is the present reason for vetoing the act. And apparently~~
~~Congress isn't awfully keen about it, anyway. For the House today~~
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specifically refused to override that veto. So apparently it sticks.
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Naturally, there was keen competition among Republican Senators for one post held by the late Senator Borah of Idaho. By his death, a seat on the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate became vacant. Among those who wanted it were Senator Austin of Vermont and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts. But, the place goes to Gerald Nye of North Dakota, ^{the isolationist.} The announcement was made today by Republican leaders in the upper Chamber. By the rule of seniority, Senator Nye was ~~most~~ ^e entitled to ~~the~~ ^e vacancy.

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BROWDER

Earl Browder, ^{American head of the Communist Party} ~~our Number One Bolshevik~~, doesn't want to

go to jail in Atlanta. He'd rather go to Congress. He's going to run in an election to take place in Brooklyn, New York, on February Sixth. It's a special election on account of the death of the late Democratic Representative, Dr. William Sirovich.

Where he's running has always been a Democratic district, but Browder's friends claim that the Reds have six thousand "disciplined" votes there and that the convicted head of the party has a good chance. ^{— and here's the latest —} However, a formal objection has been filed with the Board of Elections, protesting against the placing of Browder's name on the ballot. The protest charges that the Communists ~~Party~~ are not a political party, but a secret society that pays dues.

FINNISH LOAN

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An action was taken in Congress which might provide a loan for the Finns, but not to buy airplanes. So perhaps the news will be received with mixed feelings in Helsinki, as the Finns have been saying for days to their sympathizers:- "Thanks awfully for your admiration, but what we need ^{are} ~~is~~ airplanes, artillery and ammunition."

The action in Congress came in the form of a resolution by the Banking Committee of the Senate. The Committee said Okay to a proposal to hand over another hundred million dollars to the Export-Import Bank. Out of that, the Finns could get a loan of twenty million ~~dollars~~. But not for war materials.

FINNS

Mews from Finland again today. For seventy-two hours, the Red armies have been trying another strong mass attack northeast of Lake Ladoga. After three days in succession, the Finns drove the Russians back. The Bolsheviks lost heavily - that's what the Finns say.

There was one thrilling incident during the latest Russian attack. Seven of Stalin's bombers appeared over the Finnish lines.

A flight lieutenant in a fast combat plane, rose up in the air to meet them single-handed. One after another, he shot down six of

them. So the story goes, from the Finnish side. Six Russian

bombers ~~shot down~~ ^{potted} by one Finnish pilot, ~~and the whole thing~~ ^{all in a few minutes.}

~~happened in just a few minutes.~~

CONTRABAND

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The British Government is now beginning to offer an explanation and background for the seizure of United States mails. The Ministry of Economic Warfare made a statement in London today that maps are being sent to Germany, maps that might be of military value. The Ministry also gave out figures, a list of all the moneys, checks, diamonds, jewels and other valuables sent to Germany and held up by British contraband control.

The spokesman of that Ministry then gave details of a racket, which he says has been conducted in this country, a racket intended to benefit the Nazis. The British claim that when a German sympathizer contributes money to send food to ^{relatives in} ~~friends in~~ Germany, only a small part of it is spent for food. The rest of it is held at a central point in the United States and used to build up Germany's foreign exchange reserve in this country.

These charges were repeated to the head of a forwarding company in New York, through which a large part of those ^{food} shipments to ^{Germany} are transacted. He replied that the ^{accusation is} ~~charges are~~ utterly ridiculous.

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"Cable and radio tolls," ^{said he} "postage and other risks, leave the company with so small a profit that it's almost unbelievable."

The ^{*Manhattan*} American liner sailed into New York today from Italy

and her captain said things about the British contraband control at Gibraltar. He said that the delays there are ~~whollyxxxxwholly~~ wholly unnecessary. Some ships have been held up for days, some as long as a week and more. His own protests to the American Consul and the British Naval Commandant at Gibraltar were absolutely useless. And, he added that the British patrol ^{*party*} ~~body~~ took off two hundred and thirty-five sacks of mail and didn't return them.

CONVICTS

Uncle Sam's officials on the Virgin Islands have a new problem on their hands. At the port of Frederiksted, on the Island of St. Croix, there arrived a small, ~~open~~ boat, open, delapidated and leaky. In it were fourteen hungry, delapidated men, four of them in chains. ~~They are~~ Convicts who escaped from the ~~French~~ Devils Island, ^{a French} ~~that~~ ^{which} penal colony ~~that~~ has been the subject of so many tales of hardship and escape, tales both thrilling and ghastly. ~~The~~

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The immigration authorities of the Virgin Islands don't know what to do with those escaped French convicts. There's no precedent for such an event in the history of any United States dependency. The practice of other governments owning territory in the Caribbean is to give the men provisions and send them out to sea again. That has happened already to these fourteen. They put in at Trinidad, were given food and water, then towed out to sea and told not to come back.

There seems to be a sort of unwritten law among some officials that if convicts do escape from ^{Devils Island} ~~that ghastly place,~~ they ought to have some sort of sporting chance, ~~though not a long one.~~ And ~~that's~~ what puzzles the authorities at the Virgin Islands, *is, what shall they do?*

WEATHER

An important public report was to have been issued in Washington today, the statement of Uncle Sam's Treasury. But it was not forthcoming when it was expected, and that tells ^a tale. [^]

⁷⁷ The people who do the jobs at the Treasury had such a tough time getting to work today, that it was necessary to postpone the issuing of the statement. That illustrates what the nation's capital has been going through for the last few hours. ~~It has been busy~~ Digging itself out of the heaviest downfall of snow since NineteenThirty-Six.

^{out} { At Chesapeake Bay no fewer than six ships in distress ^{have} sent out calls for help. The waves were pounding ~~heavily~~ so heavily that Uncle Sam's Coast Guard cutters had a hard time bring succor to ~~the~~ battered vessel.^s

In the deep south, the thermometer is breaking all records. On top of the heavy snowstorm came a sharp frost. The snowfall affected thousands of children who couldn't go to school and had their first experience of snowball fights. In Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia people who ^{own} ~~owned~~ motors were asked by the authorities to leave them at home. Accidents were numerous throughout

the Carolinas, and in four communities of Virginia alone, there were a hundred and fifty wrecks. (The snowfall that blanketed Washington was even worse in Atlanta, Georgia.)

In the Great Smokey Mountains, twenty-four inches fell.

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In and around towns, the authorities did their best with improvised snow plows, which they found little better than useless. Even in southern Texas Jack Frost was on the rampage. At Hillsboro, in the Lone Star State, the cold was so acute that the whistle on the firehouse froze. And citrus fruit growers are in fear of serious damage to ^{their} a fifteen million dollar crop.

~~Not many people have such an experience as that of Miss Beatrice Couch of Cannelton, Indiana. She teaches school at Hawesville, Kentucky, on the opposite bank of the Ohio River. She started to drive to her job this morning and discovered that the Ohio had frozen so solid that there was no ferry service. So she turned and drove through Evansville, Indiana and Henderson, Kentucky, in order to cross the river, drove a hundred and thirty miles to her job. But she got there, and school kept as usual.~~

And the weather-man has no optimistic promises to make.

Storm warnings have been hoisted all the way from Boston to Eastport, Maine, advisory storm warnings from Cape Hatteras to Atlantic City.

DIVER

At New Milford, Connecticut, ~~a bunch of~~^{some} business men are gnashing their teeth. A gentleman named Kelfount, who described himself as a "diver", sold those merchants a publicity stunt. In order to make their shops and products famous, he'd undertake to dive off the town bridge into a hole in the ice that covers the Housatonic River, swim under the ice, and come to the surface through another hole.

For this the diver Kelfount had collected seventy bucks. He is described as a large fellow, some three hundred pounds of diver. And he had publicized himself as a fearless man, a stranger to fright. He produced photographs to prove it.

So today a big crowd assembled at the town bridge over the Housatonic at New Milford, Connecticut. They waited and ~~they~~ waited, and, ~~they~~ waited. But no ~~thir~~ three hundred pounds of Diver Kelfount showed up. Not even a hundred pounds. ~~In fact,~~ Not even a pound. ~~And the police are rude enough to add that not even a dollar was to be seen out of the seventy that Kelfount is said to have collected.~~

HEROES

In May, Nineteen Thirty-Eight, a steeplejack was working at his job in Mobile, Alabama. Fifty-five feet above the ground he was repairing a tall factory smokestack. Incidentally, he was seventy-five years old. Suddenly his block and tackle came loose. Down he went, head first, bound for what seemed to be inevitable destruction. But there was a young boiler maker standing on the ground below. The elderly steeplejack came hurtling directly for the young boiler maker, Theodore Bennett of Mobile. Bennett didn't run, didn't get out of the way. Instead of that, he spread his legs, braced himself, and stretched out his arms. He caught the aged steeplejack, ~~xx~~ saved him from death, saved him so effectively that the old man sustained only a few minor injuries. Bennett himself, was in the hospital ten weeks.

All this comes to light because the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission has just awarded to ~~thirty-four-year-old~~ Theodore Bennett of Mobile, Alabama, a ~~bronze~~ medal, *for heroism.*

Then here's another case which would be all too incredible if it didn't come from the records of that Commission.

{ For the Carnegie Fund people don't hand out their medals without

{ complete, exhaustive investigation.) A man was bathing in the Atlantic, at Folly Beach, South Carolina. He was attacked by a shark, a tiger shark, a real man-eater. A swimmer nearby was Harvey H. Haley, a forty-five year old superintendent of schools at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Superintendent Haley ^{swam} ~~swam~~ to the rescue of the man ~~was~~ attacked; ~~He~~ had no weapon. But ~~xx~~ with his bare fists he beat off ^e ~~that~~ shark, ^{and} saved ^{a life} ~~the man who was in danger,~~ and ~~lived to tell the tale, also to receive one of the medals of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.~~

GOATEE

What is the origin of the term "goatee," the bunch of spade-shaped fuzz that some men wear below their lower lip?

8 } Once upon a time it used to be associated with chins of southern colonels. TP Ordinary people like you and me have usually thought that ^{a goatee} ~~it~~ was called a "goatee" because it looked like what was on the chin of a goat. But a group of learned men at Chicago undertook to run down the word seriously, find out what was its real origin. And this is how it happened.

8 1/2 } Some years ago, the University of Chicago started to get out an American-English dictionary ^{of slang.} It may provoke a smile when you learn that for the editor of this job they engaged an Englishman, Sir William Craigie. It ^{is} a monumental work and will be ⁱⁿ twenty sections when the last volume is issued in Nineteen Forty-Two. The printers are now at work on the ninth ^{volume,} ~~section,~~ which includes the word "goatee." Now it so happens that editor-in-chief Sir William Craigie himself wears one. ~~of those things below his lower lip.~~ In Europe, they call it an imperial, because ^{it was} ~~one of those things~~ used to be worn by the Emperor Napoleon the Third. Sir William and his staff went to work seriously on the word "goatee". It took them twelve years to come to the conclusion that goatee means

just what you and I thought it meant ~~for all these years~~ - a
bunch of hair that looks like the beard of a goat.

And now let's turn to something
more important. Let's turn to ^{beardless} Hugh
James. There are no whiskers on
that nu-Blue, are there, Hugh?

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