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Stormy weather on the Atlantic! The Weather

Bureau announces that winds of terrific force will be blowing up and down the East Coast of the United States. Northeast storm warnings have been hoisted all the way from Sandy Hook, New Jersey, to Eastport, Maine; all the way south to the Delaware Breakwater. Small craft are being cautioned against venturing to sea anywhere between the Delaware Breakwater and Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

Six hundred miles east of Boston an American ~~freighter~~ freight ship bound for New York, and wallowing helplessly in the waves, sent out a cry for aid. One of Uncle Sam's coast guard ships is on the way.

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National defense for Uncle Sam was again a hot topic in ^{the Capital.} ~~Washington~~ Some interesting facts came out today about the air force. It would take ^{us a} ~~Mr. Whiskers~~

long, long while to catch up with Germany in the air. That's what Congressmen learned from ^{that crack veteran flyer} Major General Henry H. Arnold,

Chief of the Army Air Corps. It would take almost three years for us to step up our ^{rate} ~~pace~~ of production to twelve thousand planes a year, one thousand a month. And even after we've improved that much, we couldn't catch up with Hitler, who can, if he chooses, turn out fighting aircraft at the rate of fourteen thousand planes a year. Our present capacity, ~~our present capacity~~ ~~this sounds weird~~ ~~our present capacity~~ is not more than twenty-five hundred a year.

General Arnold went on to tell the House Committee that there is no time to lose getting started on the three hundred million dollar airplane program that the President has suggested. ~~said~~ ^{also} Said Arnold further; "we need five new airplane bases: in Porto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska, and two of them in the Continental United States."

COTTON

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The Government has been trying desperately to find a new prescription for a medicine to alleviate the terrific headache of King Cotton. The doctors are now thinking of giving the patient a conference, ~~which~~ ^{hypodermic, an} international conference. ~~shot-in-the-arm.~~

Henry Wallace, the Secretary of Agriculture, paid a visit to the White House today. With him was Alabama's Senator Bankhead, the parent of the Cotton Control Act. As Wallace left the White House he ~~said~~ ^{stated that} President Roosevelt has it in mind to summon a conference of the principal cotton-growing countries. Something of the sort is also being contemplated for wheat. The idea is to have a world agreement to create the much talked of ever-normal-grainery by dividing up the world's wheat market among five countries: ^{the} United States, Argentina, Australia, Canada, and Russia.

PERKINS

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The House of Representatives ~~had bit of a surprise~~ ^{today}
~~today.~~ They heard a defense of ^{Frances} ~~Madame~~ Perkins, Secretary of
Labor. ~~That's unusual.~~ Newspapermen in Washington tell me that
~~Madame Perkins has not exactly endeared herself to members of~~
~~Congress, made them wait in her ante room when they came to see~~
~~her.~~ Some months ago a New Jersey Republican announced he
would try to have ^{Miss} ~~Madame~~ Perkins impeached for not deporting
Harry Bridges, alien Pacific Coast labor agitator.

Today Representative Dickstein of New York rose to his
feet to defend the Secretary of Labor. He said ^{Miss} ~~Madame~~ Perkins had
been a pretty good Secretary and that since she has been on the
job more aliens have been deported than ever before. Something
like nine or ten thousand a year are being kicked out of the country

This aroused the ire of ~~the~~ New Jersey Republican Thomas,
who wants ^{the Secretary} ~~Madame Perkins~~ impeached. Dickstein came back at Thomas

~~said~~ with a crack at the Dies Committee of which Thomas is a member.

Then the Jersey man responded:—

~~Said Thomas~~ "If you had attended meetings of the Committee you

might have learned something you don't know now." Dickstein replied:

"I wouldn't allow a lot of numbskulls and crack-pots ^{to} come in and

talk their heads off and ^(arraign) ~~arrign~~ a lot of people." And he added:— *And*
"I wouldn't let in labor spies and issue a lot of press releases."

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Harry Hopkins has passed the examination of the Senate Committee on Commerce. The Committee approves his nomination as Secretary of Commerce, sends it to the floor for debate and final vote. The Voting Committee, by the way, was strictly a party affair. All the thirteen Democrats were for him, all six Republicans against.

RAILROAD

A new idea is proposed for railroad passenger

rates. ^{The plan -} ~~It is proposed~~ to arrange passenger fares somewhat

along the lines of United States ^{parcel} postage rates. That is, the

whole country ^{to} ~~will~~ be divided into districts. Within each

district there ^{to} ~~is~~ be a flat rate for passenger fares from

anyone point in the area to any other point. ^{TP} ~~As outlined in~~

~~Washington, you would be able to travel by coach from New York~~

~~to San Francisco for five dollars under this scheme.~~ The

idea was set forth in a communication from the Interstate Commerce

Commission to Congress. The I.C.C. asks Congress to order

it, the I.C.C., ^{then} to make a careful investigation of ^{whether} ~~the idea~~

^{it is} ~~feasible.~~

WAGNER ACT

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A Democratic Congressman throws a brick at the Wagner Labor Act. It's a brick in the shape of a bill to repeal the Act but substitute another. This Congressman is Democratic Representative Anderson of Missouri. ^{IF} The measure he offers would set up a Labor Board vastly different from the present one, a Labor Board with its comb cut, and its spurs removed.

~~Anderson's Labor Board would not be able to function as both judge and jury, which he says the existing Board does. All the Anderson Labor Board could do would be to hold hearings, make investigations, then file complaints with the Federal Courts. Disputes would then be settled by the courts, not by the Labor Board.~~ ^{IF} Anderson's measure also has a clause which would

forbid the Labor Board from allowing any alien or ex-convict to serve as a representative of ^a ~~the~~ Union. This, says Anderson, will give Union men a weapon -- in his own words -- "a weapon with ~~from~~ which to free themselves from gangsters, thugs, and hoodlums."

FORD

The Automobile Workers Union is laying plans to take another crack at the Ford Motor Company, not a strike, but negotiations. Word came from Detroit today that the Executive Board of the Union authorized and instructed their President, Homer Martin, to start negotiations with Ford. The last statement made by the company was that the policy of the Ford Motor Corporation on labor relations is not changed, no unionizing at Dearborn.

TEXAS

Here 's a communication from the new government^{or} of

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Texas; -Pass-the-Biscuits. Pappy. You may recall I remarked yesterday that Pappy is determined to make good on his campaign promise of thirty dollars a month for every Texan over sixty-five.

Pappy, alias Governor Lee O'Daniel, ~~has~~^{today} let the world know how

he proposes to find the money to pass the biscuits. ~~It is~~^{There is to}

^{be a} tax on all transactions, ^{And the} to be paid by manufacturers, wholesalers,

and retailers. Each transaction to pay 1.6 percent.

Presumably, when a manufacturer sells one hundred thousand dollars ~~tax~~ worth of products to the wholesalers, he will turn over to Pappy for biscuit money one thousand, six hundred dollars..

Of course, the wholesalers have to make their profit, so when they turn over those goods to the retailers they will also hand Pappy 1.6 percent of whatever they charge the retailer. Then the retailer in turn will ~~tax~~ kick in ~~sixty~~ with 1.6 percent of what he charges the consumer. In other words it would seem to amount to a 4.8 percent tax, almost five percent. That is, unless there's some misunderstanding.

RANSOM

A prisoner in a Federal court at Chicago is in a peculiar position. He's accused of having kidnapped somebody and of having collected ^a/fifty thousand dollar ransom. But kidnapping is not the charge against him, in this particular trial. What he's answering now is the allegation that he failed to kick in to Uncle Sam with income tax on the ransom money he collected for kidnapping.

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The gentleman at the Bar was questioned about his relations with Scarface Al Capone. He admitted to having been friends with Capone, but he said he was never one of the Capone mob. When they asked him what his occupation was he replied that one of his professions was, as he put it, straightening out labor troubles in Chicago.

GERMANY

An interesting story about conditions in Germany was made public today. ~~It's quite different from reports that have been coming from Hitler's country the last few months.~~

The word is that in spite of Hitler's ~~at~~ amazing diplomatic victories, things aren't going so well inside the Third Reich.

This is told in an article by William Philips Simms, Foreign Editor of the Scripps Howard newspapers. I'm permitted to mention it by courtesy of Lee Wood, Executive Editor of the New York World Telegram. ~~But~~ Simms has information from private, but he says reliable, diplomatic sources in London and Paris.

It seems that in spite of all Germany's gains, production is falling off in the key industries of the Reich, falling off as much as twenty percent. There ^{has} been no decrease in employment, no cutting of the number of hours men have to work. But they just aren't turning out the goods.

~~The explanation of this might be that Germany's workers have been so keyed up that they may be letting down.~~
But ^{TP} ~~But~~ Simms' information is that this letdown in production is deliberate on the part of the workers. They are following

what English workers call a "ca'canny" policy; ~~They're~~ taking this way of showing how much they dislike the Nazi regime.

There's depression throughout Germany, says the report. Although 1938 was such a brilliant year, German morale is at a low ebb. ~~It~~ And it isn't a matter of physical discomfort. There's just as much food and other necessities of life as there has been at any time, during recent years.

~~There have been several reports of late that Propaganda Minister Goebbels was more unpopular than ever. The latest drive against the Jews, for which he was chiefly responsible, has made him even more disliked.~~

And here's a dispatch that came in a few minutes ago from Berlin. Rumors are growing hotter every day that there's a big shake-up coming in the higher Nazi circles around Hitler. On January 30th the ~~Fuehrer~~ Fuehrer will celebrate the sixth anniversary of his climb to ^{power.} ~~the throne.~~ He will talk about those six years in a gala session of the Reichstag. And it is reported that Field Marshal Goering, who already has several jobs, is going to have even more. The latest ~~report~~ report is that he will

be either Minister of War, Vice-Chancellor, or both.

That makes him definitely Number Two man to Hitler. ~~And~~ *That*

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It will be a slap in the face to Goebbels, with whom Goering is supposed to be on the outs.

FRANCE

The French Cabinet took an important step today.

It turned thumbs down on the proposal to help the Spanish Government against Franco. The Communists and the rest of the French Left Wing ^{and} have been clamoring for France to get into that Spanish fight, even at this late date when it looks as though the Republican cause ^{is} ~~was~~ hopeless.

The Daladier Cabinet held a formal meeting, sitting as the Council of Ministers. And a large majority, but not all the Ministers, said NO. ~~So that evidently means~~ ~~no~~. The French frontier will not be thrown open again to a flood of war materials for the Republican army.

HERO

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A small, slender corporal of the Catalonian army is the hero of Barcelona today. He was ~~at~~ the front ~~lines~~ facing one of the hottest attacks by ~~General~~ Franco's army. There was a gap in the anti-defense lines of the Republican front at the point where this young corporal was stationed. Thirteen Italian tanks found that gap and were about to burst through. Here's his own story, ~~as it~~ came over the cable from Barcelona:-

"I was hidden in a scrub growth. I threw a hand grenade. It wrecked the running gear of the first tank. Two others piled up on it and were wrecked on a slope. The other ~~tanks~~ turned and fled."

"The men of my squad came up and took the first two prisoners to the rear. The crew of the second tank didn't want to surrender but I opened the door with a pick and they came out.

"'Don't kill us,' they said. The crew of the third tank escaped but I got four, and I guess I'm satisfied -- they are good ones, a Captain, ^a Lieutenant, and two Sergeants. I wish I had got the others."

With his right hand in a bandage, his cheek pitted with powder marks, this young corporal faced the kisses of the fair señoritas of Barcelona today.

JEWELS

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The lost jewels of the Queen of Albania have been found, a batch of trinkets worth a mere seventy-five thousand dollars. ^{had} They ^{had} been ordered by King Zog from a jewelry firm in Paris, ^{They were} to be sent to the half-American, half-Hungarian Countess Geraldine Apponyi, who was then ^{King Zog's} his fiancée. The googaws were sent ⁺ by plane, ^{there was a} ^{jewels} the plane crashed; ~~and~~ scattered ^{all} over the landscape [—] in Italy. Peasants found them, sold them to Neapolitan jewelers, and found themselves in trouble. But now ^{some have} they ~~are~~ all been returned to Paris.

RUSSIAN FILM

The Canadian Government at Ottawa has received a request from the Nazi Government of Germany. Hitler wants Canada to forbid the showing of a certain ~~to~~ film, or rather an English version of a ^{Soviet} Russian film. Hitler's Consul-General at Ottawa has asked the Dominion Government to forbid this picture because it will stir up bad feeling against Germany. The Ottawa Government has turned the request over to all the Provincial Censorship Boards.

CANADA

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John Bull is making airplanes in Canada. As a matter of fact this has been going on for some time, but it's going to be done on a bigger scale. A former official of the British Air Ministry arrived in Montreal today. He gave up his berth at the Air Ministry to become General Manager of an aircraft manufacturing organization in Canada. This combine of several Canadian airplane makers will turn out a hundred bombers for the British ~~xx~~ War Ministry.

FOXY GRANDPA

Some thirty years ago there was a famous comic character running through American newspapers, as popular then as ~~Poppeye is~~ today. That was Foxy Grandpa, the favorite of millions of pre-war youngsters and plenty of oldsters as well.

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~~Foxy~~ Grandpa was a hale and hearty old gentleman with pink cheeks and white ~~moustache~~ mutton-chop whiskers. His specialty was fooling his little grandchildren who were always trying to play tricks on him. ~~Foxy~~ Grandpa always got the better of the younguns.

~~And he~~
~~Foxy Grandpa~~ made a fortune for the man who created him, ~~and he~~ ~~becomes news because~~ ~~that man today~~ ~~was found~~ ~~dead~~ today in a poverty-stricken hall bedroom in New York. Carl E. Schultze rode the crest of the wave for twenty years. He had a ~~large~~ income, three secretaries, an apartment on Park Avenue, friends innumerable. ~~He died of heart disease during the night, and~~ ~~there~~ ~~they~~ ~~found~~ ~~him~~ ~~in~~ ~~his~~ shabby clothes and miserable surroundings. One of the few furnishings in his room was a picture hanging on the wall, a picture of Micky and Minnie Mouse. On that picture was written "To Carl E. Schultze, in Admiration." Signed, Walt Disney.

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