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a Happy New Year, likewise, a pleasant Easter, a peaceful  
golden wedding, and many happy returns of the same.

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If you've been listening to the radio all day,  
the figurative fire-crackers in the news,  
which you of course haven't -- but if you have, there's one  
thing you've been hearing about; ~~from~~ from the setting-up exercises  
at dawn this morning, until right now ~~the~~ loud speakers have  
been blaring the glory of the occasion. Some radio broadcasters  
even had firecrackers cracking and banging *in their act.*

Of course, it's a great subject, the Fourth of  
July, but let's talk about something else for a change.

Let's talk about Christmas. Let's silence the  
firecrackers and sing "Silent Night". After all, wouldn't  
it be an exhilarating novelty if we were to get together  
and decided that the Declaration of Independence was signed  
on Christmas and that Santa Claus comes down the chimney  
on the Fourth of July. And, suppose New Year fell on <sup>*April Fools Day!*</sup> ~~Labor Day.~~

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From troubled, nerve-racked Germany comes a hint that the man of the hour may be <sup>once again</sup> Von Hindenberg. I don't know how probable that is, but there is some mighty strong logic behind it. Hitler's personal and private power has always rested in the Brown Shirt Storm Troops. But now the Storm Troops, involved in sedition, their rebellious leaders executed, are in the shadow. They are ~~at least~~ on a temporary vacation for this month. When and if they are reassembled in their uniforms again their power will be greatly curtailed. Some guess that their numbers will be cut down as much as ~~80%~~ eighty percent. <sup>No,</sup> The Brown Shirt Storm Troops don't cut much ice just now. <sup>The</sup> military power that the government <sup>now</sup> depends on is the Reichswehr, the ~~xx~~ regular German army. Hitler was backed by the power of the Reichswehr in his ruthless cutting down of the revolting Storm Troopers. But the German standing army is under the command of the president, Von Hindenberg. He is constitutionally *still* their commander. That formality might not mean so much save for the fact that the regular German army are loyal and devoted to the old master of war, Von Hindenberg.



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Do when you are nervous?

The real tip-off is that Von Papen remains Vice-Chancellor.

"When I am nervous I whistle", he responded.

The rumours were hot that he, standing in opposition to the Nazis,

"But I have never heard you whistle", said the

would be removed and the powerful Goering would succeed him.

friend.

Hindenberg spoke loudly in support of Von Papen, his closest friend

"No I never do, because I am never nervous."

and colleague. And after days of rumours of arrest, deposition,

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and even death threatening him, Von Papen still remains Vice-Chan-

used to tell it about Diogenes, Pythagoras and old whiskered

cellor. The latest word from Berlin is that he offered his resig-

Nethuselah. But, it also applies to Von Hindenberg - so why

nation ~~xxxxxxx~~ but Hitler has refused to accept it. Von Papen

not?

protests that he is ill, but still his resignation is not accepted,

Meanwhile there are rumours of a grand coalition

though he is given an indefinite leave of absence. Undoubtedly a

Fascist dictatorship. The Iron Field Marshall

victory for Von Hindenberg, is old and ill but somehow today the war

has become Mussolini. Oh, but one can't escape the feeling that

leader of the German host seems to stand more like a strong oak

if they do meet, they, the other two will ask the Duke; how is

than ever. There is something peculiarly sane and calm about him, <sup>always</sup>

has been, even in fading old age.

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life he answered, "There is no secret". He drinks when he feels

in handling his own similar crisis in Italy. Some years ago

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hardly got "When I am nervous I whistle", he responded.

"But I have never heard you whistle", said the friend.

"No I never do, because I am never nervous."

I have heard that story before. I imagine they used to tell it about Diogenes, Pythagoras and old whiskered Methusalah. But, it also applies to Ven Hindenberg - so why not?

Meanwhile there are rumours of a grand meeting of Facist dictators, Hitler, Dolfuss of Austria and the old maestro Mussolini. Oh, but one can't escape the feeling that if they do meet, they, the other two will ask the Duce; how do you do it? How do you make this Facism work? The ferocious crisis in Germany brings into high relief Mussolini's own skill in handling his own similar crisis in Italy. Some years ago he was confronted with that same problem of squelching the wild men in his Black Shirt cohorts. He had a ticklish time of it. But Benito Mussolini did the squelching without bloodshed or

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any public disturbance - so little disturbance that it be hardly got into the news. Militarists of Japan have been wanting a more militaristic type of statesman to head the government. An admiral may satisfy them.

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## JAPAN

The new Japanese prime minister turns out to be an ex-admiral. The militarists of Nippon have been wanting a more militaristic type of statesman to head the government. An ex-admiral may satisfy them.

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MADAME CURIE

The flag is flying high in the U. S. A. today. But I in the world of science the flag is flying at half mast. The most famous woman scientist ~~on this globe~~ has departed from this mortal, this chemical realm of laboratory experiments, test tubes, ~~acids~~, ~~alkalis~~, ~~sulphates~~, ~~vitriol~~, ~~HNO<sub>3</sub>~~, ~~antimony~~, ~~H<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>~~, yes and also radium. For she is - or rather she was <sup>—</sup> Madame Curie, who with her husband, made one of the most startling of scientific discoveries - the discovery of radium.

She was a Polish girl who married a French scientist. Together they worked in a laboratory and ~~xxxxxx~~ brought forth from the dim depths of material nature, that fabulous paradoxical stuff - radium. The husband died not long afterward and the wife, ~~and his~~ co-worker, was left to receive the increasing plaudits of the world.

Now she has joined him. And may be in some distant ethereal realm

they ~~xxx~~ will work together once more in a laboratory of the skies

on immaterial experiments with phantasmal test tubes, <sup>astral acids, alkalis,</sup> ~~potassium~~

~~sulphates, vitriol, HNO<sub>3</sub>;~~  
~~antimony, and H<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>~~

Yes and they may repeat what they did on

earth and discover some celestial radium ~~comp~~ distilled from star dust.

The story ends with one of those ~~xxxxxx~~ splendid touches





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Over in France, a German scientist and an American  
If we had music along with the news in this particular  
composer of music claim they have discovered that place of  
broadcast, the proper melodies would be those of Lohengrin.  
fabulous legend where Parsifal and Lohengrin guarded the  
They say they have found the castle of Lohengrin. We might  
analise of the Lord. They say it's near the city of Toulousa,  
also have a few solemn harmonies from the opera ~~Prxi~~ Parsifal,  
some ancient ruins on the top of a mountain. According to  
because that castle is also the castle of the Holy Grail.

Let's close our eyes and see a vision for a moment,  
a vision of chivalry, the knights and the ladies, and the monks  
in monasteries of old. Those were the days when they dreamed  
of the Holy Grail, and told magical tales of the quest of the  
Holy Grail. They told how Joseph of Aramathea, the friend of the  
Lord, took away with him the chalice from which the Savior drank  
at the Last Supper, and carried it to a great mysterious castle.  
And the chalice, the Holy Grail, was guarded and served by a band  
of mystic knights, <sup>^</sup>Parsifal and Lohengrin. Somehow the pious  
folk of the middle ages forgot where that castle was, and it  
became a legend -- the legend of the Holy Grail.

But what has all of this to do with the year of 1934?  
What has it to do with the Nazis, <sup>^</sup>~~the political situation in~~ *the Japanese cabinet crisis,*  
~~the Far East,~~ the N. R. A., and the hot weather? Well, the news  
today tells us that the castle of the Holy Grail has been found.

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Over in France, a German scientist and an American composer of music claim they have discovered that place of fabulous legend where Parsifal and Lohengrin guarded the chalice of the Lord. They say it's near the city of Toulouse, some ancient ruins on the top of a mountain. According to their <sup>story</sup> ~~version~~ the Holy Grail was kept there, until the place was stormed and <sup>burned</sup> ~~burned~~ by a band of German soldiery.

They declare, moreover, that the mountain where the ruins are is almost hollow. There's a legend that it's honey-combed with vaults and galleries, towering halls, and immense shrines -- waiting for somebody to dig down and explore -- a modern quest for the Holy Grail.



STRIKE

President Roosevelt's mechanism for settling the dock strike on the Pacific Coast doesn't seem to be producing ~~any~~ results. The members of the arbitration board, Archbishop Hanna, O. K. Cushing, and Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady have been doing their best to arbitrate. But, the strike seems to be getting out of hand. The Port of San Francisco has been paralyzed for weeks by ~~the strike~~ <sup>it</sup>. Business throughout the city is badly tied up, and it's the same story in other shipping cities of the coast, Los Angeles <sup>and</sup> San Diego <sup>to some extent,</sup>, Portland and Seattle <sup>seriously.</sup> And now violence is flaring.

There was a pitch battle between the San Francisco police and three thousand strikers.

A dock strike is always a formidable affair.

The men who move the cargoes are a husky lot, and known to rejoice in free-for-all battling. After all, a waterfront is not a Park Avenue drawingroom. It's no place for sissies.

Maybe the Lady Secretary of Labor is the one to settle that strike.

## BASEBALL

Meet Bill Terry, smiling Bill Terry, popular Bill Terry.

There's a first baseman with charm, fascination, and all the glad-handing graces. The baseball fans of the nation have been casting their ballots voting for the most popular player in the Big League. And Bill Terry, first baseman and manager of the New York Giants is it. Babe Ruth used to be the most fascinating fellow in the field but I guess when your hitting falls off and you are not so fast, going back to the fence for a fly ball, why you are not so popular, fascinating and captivating with the fans and fanatics of the bleachers.

I suppose we are all interested in popularity. Who wants to be a wall-flower? So let's look at today's idol of popularity and see how he gets that way. Down in dear old Memphis, Bill Terry, is a leading citizen, something of a business mogul and quite a man about town. He owns a flock of ~~XXXXX~~ gasoline stations, runs several garages and is the Vice-President of an insecticide firm. Yes, bugs and insects are a part of Bill's professional life. He is an expert on cockroaches, caterpillars, bed bugs, second basemen and left-handed pitchers. He is a bug on bugs., and maybe that is the key

to popularity. A restaurant without cockroaches, home sweet home without bed bugs, dogs without fleas, that's the <sup>Bill Terry</sup> road to popularity.

We also discover that baseball's most popular man is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a prominent Shriner and a director of the Boy Scouts. He has many civic in addition to his insecticide activities.

And then Bill Terry is something of a moral philosopher. It has been observed that every day before the game he indulges in a copious glass of lemonade. When asked about this peculiarity, Bill uttered an immortal aphorism, "Lemonade in the day time", he declared, "kills an insect" - - Wait a minute, I'm all tangled up, what baseball's most popular man said was this. "Lemonade in the day time kills a desire for beer at night.

Well I always thought that beer at night helped one's popularity but I guess I ~~was~~ <sup>'m</sup> wrong again, just bug house.



"You ought ~~to~~ be in pictures," but the pictures had better be clean. "You're beautiful to see," but they'd better not see too much of you. In other words the drive for decent movies is causing ructions ~~out~~ in Philadelphia.

For sometime now, ~~we've been hearing~~ the leading churchmen of the country <sup>have been</sup> join <sup>ing in</sup> ~~to~~ the campaign to take the sin out of ~~the~~ cinema. <sup>With</sup> ~~these~~ lofty proclamations, and many a clarion call for Hollywood to reform. But, we're used to moral movements and many a worthy cause has turned into just so many lofty proclamations and clarion calls. This time, however, something happened. The Cardinal of Philadelphia declared a boycott of the movies in his archdiocese. And when a Cardinal declares a boycott, or anything else, it's likely to stay declared. That's no fooling, as the movies houses of Philadelphia and vicinity have discovered. With a million or so Catholics pledged to follow the ecclesiastical injunction and not attend any motion picture show until the films have been properly cleaned up, the Philadelphia film exhibitors have got together to do something about it. They're threatening a kind of boycott of

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their own. Four hundred and fifteen movie-house-owners in the Pennsylvania districts declare that they will close their theatres in two weeks, if the boycott is not called off. That will not only deprive millions of movie fans of their favorite celluloid romances and platinum delights, but will also throw some twenty thousand people out of work, ushers, cleaners, operators, and musicians.

Of course, what Cardinal Daughterty can do in Philadelphia, other ecclesiastical authorities can do elsewhere. A disciplined organization like the Catholic Church can take formidable action. That's why the movie magnates are in a state of jitters, and Will Hays, the celluloid czar, the Hoosier deacon whose job is to take the sin out of cinema, is in fast motion trying to straighten things out.

Many film companies have announced that they are closely scrutinizing their films for any slight smudge of smut. In New York State the censors have just turned down Mae West's latest opus, "It Ain't No Sin". One of the board

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remarked:- "It ain't no sin -- it's a crime." And that's another Mae West joke.

During a Fireman's parade, although you would think, with all the fire works going off, that the firemen would stick to their fire-wagons and fire hoses, instead of going on a parade.

A local Blue Smoke dealer the owner of the Main Street garage has an exhibit in that parade. And what do you think it is? It's a rocking chair, the largest rocking chair in the world:- Eight feet high, four and one-half feet long and four feet wide. I suppose a rocking chair is appropriate for firemen. Sounds as if a whole fire company could rock themselves to sleep in that giant rocking chair. But what has a rocking chair got to do with Blue Smoke. The answer is, a rocking chair has kneelocks ease if not streamline power while Blue Smoke has both kneelocks ease and streamline power.

But when I'm putting into Jimmy Wallington's act. Hey Jimmy you spread the oil while I sign off with not a word about fire-crackers, not a plug of a Roman candle, and not a s-s-c-wick of a sky-rocket -- just,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.



LYELL FARMER - SURGOON - THURS., JULY 5, 1934

## ROCKING CHAIR

At Millerton New York they are celebrating the glorious Fourth by having a Fireman's parade, although you would think, with all the fire works going off, that the firemen would stick to their fire-wagons and fire hoses, instead of going on a parade.

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But whoa, I'm butting into Jimmy Wallington's act. Hey Jimmy you spread the oil while I sign off with not a word about fire-crackers, not a ping of a Roman candle, and not a s-s-swish of a sky-rocket -- just,

SOLONG UNTIL TOMORROW.