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Minnesota had me dizzy all day. That great state of wheat and sturdy farmers ^{is} ~~has~~ just too much for the peace of mind of a news man, who is used to seeing a story stay put. All day long the Minnesota primary result kept changing, reversing itself. First Benson in the lead, then Peterson in the lead -- ~~and~~ a see-saw race to see who will be the candidate for Governor on the Farmer-Labor ~~ticket~~ ticket. Governor ~~Elmer~~ Elmer Benson lost the lead twice within a few hours to former Governor Peterson. There never was more than a couple of thousand votes separating them. At last reports Benson was in the lead again by about 750, ~~more~~. The latest count that's ⁱⁿ ~~is~~ is -- Benson 134,521; Peterson 133,279. And there are still more than fifteen hundred out of the state's 3,739 precincts to be heard from. So it all may ^{be} changed at any moment. It may have changed while I'm saying this.

• You'll have to wait until ~~you~~ tomorrow to find out who is to ~~be~~ be the Farmer-Labor candidate ~~is~~ for Governor in Minnesota.

HAGUE

In New Jersey today there was a call for what is described as -- a most searching inquiry. It is to investigate what is ~~called~~ ^{called} -- a disgraceful episode. Well, to get hit by a barrage of stale eggs and squashy tomatoes ^{— that} is disgraceful indeed, as Norman Thomas, former Socialist candidate for President can tell you. He it was, who, when he tried to make a Jersey City speech against Mayor Frank Hague received ~~the~~ the egg and tomato ^{salad} salutation. So today the Essex County grand jury was told to make a most searching inquiry into that disgraceful episode.

Meanwhile Mayor Frank Hague was having his last day on the witness stand -- in the hearing concerning what they call the Jersey dictatorship, the way he has kept the C.I.O. and radical speakers from orating in Jersey City. Mayor Hague's testimony today put emphasis on the statement that he had never allowed strike breakers in his baliwick. He believes that labor disputes should be settled by peaceful discussion, not by the importation of strike breakers. All this is the Hague way of affirming that in opposing the C.I.O. and the radicals, he is not against labor.

SPY

The big spy story today brings a reminder of the Dillinger case. Soon after the killing of the mid-western bad man, the headline G-man in the exploit resigned from the F.B.I., and did a bit of writing - telling the Dillinger story. And today we find the headline G-man in the spy case resigning from the F.B.I. - Leon Turrou. He has been one of J. Edgar Hoover's stars, the highest paid agent in the F.B.I., with a brilliant record in top ranking G-man ^{achievements -} ~~like~~ like the Hauptmann case. He played a feature part in the expose of the German spy ring, with headline mention. He declares today that he is resigning because he needs a rest, has worked himself to exhaustion in the secret agent affair. He also states that he's going to write the story of the spy ring, for he believes that all Americans should be made aware of the details of the case. ^{Along with} ~~common~~ this, the NEW YORK POST prints a front page announcement that it's about to publish the retiring G-man's German spy story.

The espionage case is by no means complete, it appears.

United States Attorney Hardy declared today that other persons

will be involved, with added indictments. With this the authorities disclose some of the high spots along the spy trail. It all began as long ago as NineteenThirty-Five, when two Germans worked in a Buffalo airplane factory. There they procured blueprints of a new Curtiss bomber, and these they tried to smuggle aboard a German steamship. But the Naval Intelligence Service found out, and they were caught.

The next episode ~~of the spy trail~~ was played way over in Scotland. There, the British authorities arrested a woman on an espionage charge, and found that she was stationed in Scotland to receive reports from German spies in the United States, and transmit them to Berlin. From America to Scotland to Germany - that was the secret agent channel.

Next - a man in New York represented himself as an Under-Secretary in the State Department at Washington. In this diplomatic guise he was trying to procure fifty passport blanks. He was arrested and found to be a deserter in the United States Army. And thereupon he confessed that he was a member of the German espionage group working in the United States.

The spy melodrama rose to the higher realms of state today, when Representative Emanuel Celler of New York demanded action against Germany. Crack the Nazi knuckles - is his idea.

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"It is a matter of the gravest concern to the future of the United States," said Representative Emanuel Celler. "This Nazi outrage against a friendly nation is part and parcel of the plan of Hitler Goering, ~~G~~^Gobbel~~s~~ and their gang." Then he ascended to a figure of speech. "Their knuckles should be cracked," said he, demanding an official American protest to Berlin.

The German capital
~~Germany~~ meanwhile, denies all connection with the spy case. Today an official for the Hitler government said: "Nein, no German officer has been connected with the secret agent business ⁱⁿ the United States. That would be impossible."

LONDON

(There was a strict sort of logic in important declarations that Prime Minister Chamberlain made to the British House of Commons today.) ~~one thing connected with another by ties of rational inference.~~ Neville Chamberlain is a rather cold and austere sort of individual, with a mind inclined to stern realistic reasoning.

(Once more he stated to the Commons the disagreeable conclusion that the British government would do nothing effective to stop the bombing of British ships by the Spanish insurgents.) ~~He drew a distinction between ships attacked on the high seas and similar assaults in the territorial waters of a nation. He said that if the British fleet were to take measures to protect British merchant ships in Spanish waters, there would be the gravest danger of war.~~ ~~He~~ He said to the opposition: "If a Labor Party were in power, it would not be so light-hearted in advocating a course which might involve us in a general European war."

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Chamberlain went further, saying that the bombing of British ships in Spanish waters was likely to continue. "I am afraid," said he, "that while the war lasts we must expect more of these incidents." Then he came to the point with rigorous

logic: "A satisfactory solution would be, the termination of the Spanish War."

~~So that's what he's trying to accomplish most~~
~~logically.~~ Today the Non-Intervention Committee agreed on a program for getting the foreign fighters out of Spain. Even Soviet Russia fell in line, giving up its policy of obstruction. France has been brought around to the British point of view, and today's word is that Paris has sealed the frontier against war supplies for Barcelona. And Italy is strongly supporting the Chamberlain program. Mussolini wants his pact of friendship with Great Britain to go into effect, but that involves the withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain. The Duce is willing to start withdrawing - almost anything to get things on a friendly basis with Britain. And the report is that Mussolini, persuaded by Chamberlain, will use all his efforts to persuade Franco to agree to a compromise peace. So they all ^{assent} to the Non-Intervention scheme in the hope of ^{getting quick peace in Spain.} ~~settling the Spanish Civil War.~~

~~Chamberlain is fighting the diplomatic battle of the~~

~~year to keep war away.~~ The British point of view is easy to see.

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If a general European struggle were to break loose - there's immense London, with so much of England concentrated in its boundaries, a great mark for the most devastating air raids by the mass squadrons of nearby Germany. This points up the logic of ^a Chamberlain proposal today, which may be of the utmost consequence.

(A Labor member spoke up and denounced the bombardment of cities, which he said - "has threatened a sickened world." To which the Prime Minister replied in these words: "Flying has brought new horrors in modern war which materially changed its character and brought new problems into existence." How could these problems be met? In answer to this,) the Prime Minister told the Commons that the British government is formulating a code to govern aerial warfare, a set of rules which it will try to have adopted by the nations - rules to restrict the horror of bombs from the sky. This British plan for an air code has gone so far that the Prime Minister was able to outline the principles that London will suggest - three principles.

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First, have it declared against international law to bomb

civilians deliberately. Secondly, establish a rule that all targets aimed at by bombing planes must be legitimate military objectives. Thirdly, a decree that bombing aviators must use reasonable care in not letting bombs fall on civilian areas near military objectives.

If this Chamberlain air code is pushed, we must reasonably suppose that it will entail a general international discussion and agreement, perhaps some sort of conference to ^{limit} ~~limit~~ aerial warfare. ^{But} ~~But~~ if rules ^{were} ~~were~~ adopted as international law, who'd guarantee that they'd be kept? It isn't too cynical to assume that a nation will violate any such air code if it thinks a sufficiently important advantage can be gained. I'd say that the cool, rational view is - that a code is likely to be observed when ^{there's} ~~only~~ ^a minor advantage to be gained by violating ^{it} ~~it~~. ^{And,} ~~And,~~ ^{advantage are frequent, such might} ~~cases of mere minor~~ ~~advantage are frequent, such might~~ ^{be the limited utility of} ~~be the limited utility of~~ an international code for air warfare, as the Prime Minister of Great Britain suggested today.)

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IRELAND

Final election returns from Ireland. First figures made it seem as if President DeValera's party had failed to increase its strength, and secure an outright majority over all the other parties. Later news reversed that and showed de Valera scoring an election sweep. And that is confirmed and re-emphasized today by the final figures. They show that the deValera party won ~~seventy~~ seventy-seven seats in Parliament. The party of former Premier Cosgrave -- forty-five. Labor -- nine. Independent - seven. This gives the Dublin Premier a majority of sixteen over the combined votes of all other factions.

CANADA

When there's talk about Canadian mounties, we're accustomed to hear unmitigated praise, romance, the mounties always get their man. Today, however, in the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa, the praise of the mounties had a defensive tone.

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There's a hot debate among Canada's lawmakers concerning the handling of the unemployed disturbances at Vancouver. The opposition attacked the way the jobless were evicted from public buildings, and used the term - unwarranted brutality. It was the mounties who did the evicting. And they're accused of getting their men with a little too much vim and vigor.

The attack was countered by Ernest LaPointe, Minister of Justice, who declared: "Canada will never have to be ashamed for anything the Royal Mounted Police did at Vancouver."

EARHART

A belated echo of the Amelia Earhart ^{tragedy} is heard today, though not from anywhere out in the South Seas where her plane vanished into the ocean. Today's story is a California court decision, bearing upon the question - "Is there any possibility that Amelia Earhart ~~it~~ may be still alive?" ^{It concerns} ~~The court decision concerns~~

Captain Frederick Noonan, the navigator who flew with the world's most famous aviatrix on that ill-fated Pacific sky voyage. On the application of his ^{wife,} ~~she,~~ the Superior Court of Alameda, considered all the evidence, and today officially declared Captain Noonan dead. And that puts a judicial ~~seal~~ seal on the Amelia Earhart tragedy.

VIRGINIA EDITORS

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If I had a magic carpet tonight I would ^hwisk myself
down to a beautiful mountainous region where Virginia and
West Virginia come together. Along with a crowd of newspaper
editors and publishers I was invited to spend today prowling
through a model ~~Pocahontas~~ Pocahontas coal mine, with my old
friend, Bill German, the general superintendent. It ^{is} a
model mine and, was the first ever opened in the vast
Pocahontas ~~land~~ fields. That was in 1882. Five hundred
newspaper editors were the guests of the mining men today, all
members of the National Editorial Association.

BOXING

This is not the day of the big fight, but nevertheless Max Schmeling won a decision today - and lost one. His victory was against the Chicago kind of boxing glove.

Max appealed to the New York State Boxing Commission and demanded that his fight with Joe Louis be conducted with New York boxing gloves, and not the Chicago variety. It appears there's a difference in the covering of the fist that socks the nose, a difference between Father Knickerbocker's town and the windy city.

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Schmeling's objection to the style of boxing glove ~~is~~ⁱⁿ Chicago is that - ~~text~~ its thumbs are too long, stick out,

~~text~~ get in a fellow's eyes. His contention is that in a fast mix-up, with gloves flying all over the place, a fighter might get his eye gouged out by one of the long Chicago thumbs.

The Brown Bomber might extract an eyeball right out of the Schmeling socket - or vice versa. (The New York style of glove, on the other hand, or on both hands, has a short thumb right up against the rest of the glove - well adapted for busting a beak but not for removing an eye.)

Today, the New York Boxing Commission acceded to the

Schmeling demand and added a further indictment of the Chicago glove. The Boxing Commission pointed out that the New York glove is stuffed with first grade curly hair, ~~for~~ making it quite elegant for ~~the~~ ^a thoroughly refined ~~some~~ haymaker. But the Chicago glove - ~~ouch!~~ ^{ouch!} The New York Commission pointed out that the Windy City fist covering is padded with - boiler felt. That sounds ominous, ~~something~~ something like boiler plate. Now who would want to get punched in the jaw with a fist of boiler felt? Not I. I'll take ~~the~~ first grade curly hair - if I must get socked.

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Anyway, Max won the decision on the subject of boxing gloves, but simultaneously the Commission handed him a terrible defeat. Maxie of Nazi-land asked the Boxing Commission to permit his Manager, to act as one of his seconds. His Manager is Joe Jacobs, known on Broadway as Yussel, and he's no Nazi, not Yussel. In fact, it's one of the paradoxes that Hitler's champ goes on year after year having ^{Yussel} Jacobs run his affairs. Joe right now is in the bad graces of the Boxing fathers. He was suspended some weeks ago because of ~~some~~ difficulties - nothing connected with Schmeling, however. Joe Jacobs is also manager of that exceedingly heavy

heavyweight, Tony ~~Galento~~ Galento, known as "two-ton Tony," ~~is~~
renowned for training on beer, which may ~~account for~~ ^{explain} his tonnage.
The Boxing Commission has expressed the opinion that this beer
training is undignified, not up to the stately and sedate
traditions of beak-busting. So Tony has been in controversies,
and his manager, Joe Jacobs, has likewise been involved. Hence
Joe is under a sentence of suspension by the Boxing Commission,
and unless the suspension is raised he can't serve as second to
his other heavyweight protégé - Schmeling.

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Today the Boxing Commission refused to relent in spite
of the Schmeling plea. Nothing doing - and so ~~Joe~~ ^{Joe} Jacobs ~~won't~~ ^{- Yussel -}
be in the ^{Nazi-} Schmeling corner Wednesday night.

ROBIN

At Schenectady, New York, folks are bothered by an odd variant of an old question. They're asking - "What gave cock robin the hiccups?" Today Peep, ^{the} pet robin, is under the care of Dr. Dayton Stoner, the state zoologist, and all because Peep, the pet robin, doesn't go -- peep, peep, as a robin should. Instead, Peep goes hic, hic, hiccup. So his mistress, Mrs. J.W.Ham, has called in medical zoological aid.

One local diagnosis is, that the robin got the hiccups at a neighboring cocktail party, with Peep indulging in strong drink - which is known to produce ~~the~~ hiccups. But this cocktail story is utterly denied by ^{his owner} Mrs. Ham. She admits that Peep attended the party and sat perched at the edge of a cocktail glass, but she insists the glass was empty. She explains the ~~robin's hiccups~~ robin's hiccups by saying that Peep hopped out into the garden to get a bite of dinner, and mistook a caterpillar for a worm - the caterpillar died ⁺ inflaming Peep's throat and causing the hiccups. This, however, merely raises another dire suspicion - maybe it was the ~~cocktail~~ cocktail that caused the robin to take the caterpillar for a worm. Anyway, Peep still has the hiccups.

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