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LINDBERGH

There was an aftermath to the Lindbergh case today in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. In that town ~~information~~ ^{of} charging ^{of} conspiracy were filed against nine people. Among them is a chief of police and a county detective. In addition to this, two people are charged with kidnapping, assault and battery. Six more are charged with being accessories. All these ^{accusations} ~~charges~~ were filed by ^{the} Sheriff of Clearfield County, ~~Pennsylvania~~.

A dispatch to the Trenton Times explains that the zeal of a private detective in investigating the Lindbergh kidnapping was at the bottom of all this. This detective's extravagant ^{so the charges read,} enthusiasm led him ^a to abduct ^a ~~the~~ forty-eight year old fish ^{says he} ~~pedlar~~ pedler. This fish pedler ^a was abducted by the detective and first of all kept prisoner in a cottage near DuBois, Pennsylvania, and later in another hut near Somerset, Pennsylvania. The detective had committed this abduction because he believed the fish pedler knew something about the kidnapping of the baby. After holding him prisoner several days in the cottages, he took

him to the ~~county jail of~~ Clearfield County ^{jail.} As soon as the authorities, the District Attorney and the sheriff investigated the case, they released the fish pedler who turned out to be innocent of any connection with or knowledge of the Lindbergh kidnapping case.

All of this comes ~~Further still, at the bottom of this trouble~~ ~~is~~
about as a result of ~~case~~ an irresponsible accusation by a hysterical woman.

Meanwhile the private detective who ~~abducted~~ ^{abducted} the fish pedler and held him prisoner, cannot be found.

BERN

The unfortunate end to the romance of Jean Harlow, the famous platinum blonde of the screen, and Paul Bern threatens to become a complicated story. In fact, later developments today indicate that as in the case of Smith Reynolds, the dead husband of Libby Holman, there are people who doubt that Paul Bern actually died by his own hand. His family in Newark told ~~the~~ New York reporters today that they were not satisfied with the explanations of the tragedy that were published in this morning's papers. His brother ^{left for} ~~is going out to~~ the Pacific Coast, ~~as he puts it,~~ to find out what's back of it all. Paul Bern's relations ^{ives} ~~ions~~ declare he was not the sort of man to commit suicide and they see no motive indicated. Consequently they are going to ask for a complete investigation. *Los Angeles authorities declare they are convinced that Jean Harlow's husband shot himself. There is to be a coroner's inquest Thursday.*

BERLIN

Berlin was again the principal center of international news, ^{today. The} ~~He~~ War Minister, ~~XXX~~ or rather Minister of Defense, General von Schleicher, threw down the gauntlet to the whole world, ~~today~~. Instead of waiting for France's reply to Germany's demand for equality of arms, General von Schleicher spoke out of turn. He made aⁿ announcement to the press, ~~today~~, saying that Germany is not going to delay arming for the consent of other nations. He used these words: "We will no longer put up with being treated as a second class nation." A dispatch to the New York Evening Post reports that he hinted at a war with Poland. A significant fact is that the maneuvers this year are being held on the East Prussian-^{Polish} ~~Polish~~ frontier. The General said in almost so many words that he expected an outbreak of war between Poland and Germany almost any ^{time.} ~~day~~. He added that East Prussia ~~is~~ is in special danger. Consequently the Berlin Cabinet will supply that Province with as complete military equipment and as many troops as it can possibly afford.

ROME

An interesting addition to this news comes today from Rome. This is the announcement that Italy stands with Germany in her appeal for equality of arms. A dispatch to the Montreal Star states that the Fascist Government considers there is no other course but concession to the German viewpoint. The Italian government suggests that the question be turned over to the Disarmament Conference. This, it is learned from Paris, is probably what France will do.

JAPAN

And Japan is likewise in an aggressive mood.

Political observers in Washington anticipate a sharp conflict between the policy of the Mikado and of Uncle Sam ~~to come to a head~~ no later than this week.

A dispatch to the Cincinnati Post relates that the row will come over the new state of Manchookuo, ~~which has been erected on the territory of what was~~ ^{which used to be} Manchuria. Japan has let it be known that she proposes to recognize this state immediately. ^{however} Uncle Sam [^] declines to recognize Manchookuo.

So there's ~~another~~ question that promises trouble, ^{maybe.}

MEXICO

Mexico ^{is in} ~~comes into~~ the news ^{again.} today. President Rodriguez ^{ce /} who succeeded the retired president Rubi^o, appointed his new cabinet today. It began its official duties this morning.

A dispatch to the Syracuse Herald relates that President Rubi^o arrived in El Paso, Texas, today, and was greeted by a cheering crowd. He explained once more that he had resigned because of ill health, not because of any difference of opinion with General Calles, the strong man of Mexican politics. His ill health is the result of wounds sustained during ^{various Mexican} ~~the~~ wars.

BUSINESS

The Labor Day holiday certainly seems to have put life into the buyers of stocks and bonds. Also commodities. It seems as though people hardly got back from their week-end before they started telephoning orders to their brokers. The result was that by noon around two and a half million shares had changed hands on the New York Stock Exchange. What the financial reports call pivot shares went up from one to four points. *They went down later on profit taking.*

Then there were sharp advances in wheat, cotton, and rubber. Wheat's ^{up} more than one cent a bushel. Cotton jumped two dollars a bale. The price of rubber went to a new high level. ~~These~~ Coffee and cocoa were also strong.

Reasons for this were found in Washington. The most important ~~of these~~ ^{being} was that the Farm Bureau announced it had completed negotiations for a fifty million dollar loan ^{from} ~~with~~ the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This will enable it to withhold from the market until next year all its remaining stores of

wheat and cotton. Then too, it looks as though more than one billion dollars of Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness will be heavily over-subscribed. Also the steel output was reported higher.

Abroad, The price of cotton went up sharply, in Liverpool, ~~as well as in the United States.~~ Over there the market reflects the hope that the cotton strike in Lancashire will soon be settled. And from Manchester ~~we get~~^{comes} the information that the wheat market opened thirty ~~pounds~~^{points} higher this morning.

Stocks and bonds also did some rather dizzy climbing on the stock exchange in Berlin. This is interpreted as a favorable reaction to the German government's twelve month plan for recovery.

WITCH DOCTORS

Can you imagine a cabinet minister --
indeed, a prime minister -- being sent to jail? That's ~~is~~
what has happened in South Africa. The Premier of Swaziland,
whose name is M-s-h-~~v-f-a-n-a~~^{y-d-w} Zwane, ~~has been sentenced~~ *is now serving a sentence*
~~of~~ ^{of} two months ~~in~~ hard labor.

A dispatch ~~to the Trenton Times~~ from Durban,
South Africa, relates ^d that ^{the} Prime Minister ^{of Swaziland,} ~~Zwane~~ ~~xxx~~ was sent
to the coop for trying to stamp out a crime wave with witch
doctors. You'd think that stamping out ~~of~~ a crime wave was
an excellent achievement ^{any way you did it} and more or less in the line of a
prime minister's duty. But John Bull looks askance at the
use of witch doctors.

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It seems that there have been several cases of
arson in Swaziland. The law was at a loss to discover the
criminal. So the Prime Minister called in a conjurer. He
detected the incendiary by the process of blowing hard into
a small calabash. For these services he collected a ~~few~~ ^{fee} of
\$3.75 and ~~xxx~~ ^{then} went home to his wives ^{to celebrate — or maybe buy a new wife,} But when it came to the
ears of the British Commissioner, that worthy threw the

Prime Minister of Swaziland into jail. His Britannic Majesty's
Commissioner says he did so in order to prevent what he calls
corruption in the courts of Swaziland.

TROTting RACE

I've had a lot of letters from trotting race fans recently. A couple of weeks ago I relayed a report of a horse which had trotted a mile heat in two minutes five and a half seconds on a half mile track. This, I was informed, established a new record for half mile tracks in the state of Pennsylvania.

~~Mr.~~ A. C. McClung, manager of that live ^{by} paper The Troy Daily News, ^{of} ~~in~~ Troy, Ohio, evidently misunderstood me, and thought I was describing this race as a world's record for ^a half mile track.

~~Mr.~~ A. E. Staup who is a starter and judge of trotting races on several ~~circuit~~ circuits, writes to the same effect ^{from Troy.}

This record of two minutes five and a half seconds was bettered five times this year at the Miami County Fair in ~~Troy~~ Troy, Ohio. It seems a horse named Diamond Axworthy stepped a mile heat in two minutes four seconds flat. A couple of days later another horse stepped a heat in two minutes and three seconds flat, both on ^{the} half mile tracks ^{at} ~~in~~ Troy, Ohio. ~~Mr~~ Mr. McClung and Mr. Staup confirm each other on these details.

NOVEL

And then I have another stack of letters here that I have been reading with interest. It certainly seems to have been a good hunch last week when I mentioned that I was looking for a smart and snappy nickname for my heroine -- I mean the heroine of my first novel. Because suggestions have been coming in thick and fast.

A man from the Bronx gives me a whole list of nicknames for my lovely Eurasian, including "Jungle Fire," "Jungle Flame," and "Fire Queen." And those are certainly red hot names even for a girl from Singapore.

John Tynan of the Travel Service of the American Express Company, tells of an Eurasian girl named "Tomori." She was saved, writes Mr. Tynan, in dramatic fashion, by an American during the earthquake in Yokohama in 1923.

And then, Dr. Sol Lubiner tells how he encountered an exquisite type of bronze beauty at Penang, in Malaya. Her father was Dutch, her

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mother was a woman of the island of Bali. The girl was called the "Cinnamon Lily." "She was despised by the whites", ^{writes Dr. Lubner.} "Yet as a plaything she was much admired."

From LaPeer, Michigan, comes this ^{noble} idea: "If your Eurasian beauty is a two-fisted lady, why ^{not} call her 'Sunoco'." And that same suggestion is made by a whole ^{host} ~~list~~ of others. Well, "Sunoco" is a striking, ~~and~~ resonant name all right. Let's see, how it would sound. "Sunoco, I love you. or - "I am feeling blue, Sunoco." ^{Not so bad.}

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Louis ² Beviere, a New York lawyer, ^{and says:-} writes: ⁱ My favorite sport is the old Asiatic game of chess and not young Asiatic beauties. Nevertheless, as for the heroine of that first novel of yours, why not call her ^{just} "Singapore Girl"?

Here's the most amusing idea of all. A radio friend writes: ^{me} "Why not call your lovely Eurasian, Zee-Boo, or Boo-Zee?" ^{Then} ⁱ He goes on to explain that he and his wife have pet names for each other. She calls him "Zee Zee" and he

calls her "Boo-Boo". And he suggests combining ^{that I} ~~two~~ ^{the} family ~~names~~ ^{used in his family.} Well, Zee-Boo recalls the humped back cow of

the East, and that would be a curious name for a heroine.

And as for "Boo-Zee", ^{well, figure it out for yourself. To} ~~it is altogether too much like~~ ~~booz~~ ^{me it sounds slightly alcoholic.}

These are only a few of the suggestions for a name, and I am pondering over the question, which is the best?

HOMES

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Here's ~~some~~ more encouragement for people who appear to be in danger of losing their homes. It's an announcement made in Washington today by the Chairman of the Home Loan Bank Board. A dispatch to the Pittsburgh Press reports that building-and-loan clearing houses have been organized in several regions of the United States. These will operate to prevent the foreclosure of mortgages in those parts of the country where ~~xxxx~~ tight money has dried up all other sources ~~from~~^{to} which home owners may have recourse. Four of these new clearing houses are already in condition to operate. They are in Virginia, West Virginia, Iowa, and New Jersey.

THRIFT

Oh yes, and, Here's a ^{real} thrift item; and where do you suppose it comes from? The last place in the world ^{you'd} ~~I would~~ expect for a story of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ economy, - ^{It comes from} Washington, D.C., ^{down} where they talk in billions.

It seems that from time to time the rich ladies of Uncle Sam's capital have been lending their costly laces for exhibition in the National Museum.

The other day the Museum authorities checked up. They found that most of Washington's great ladies wanted to lend their laces about June 1st, and wanted them back about September 15th. In other words, they wanted to put their valuables some place where they would be perfectly safe, and at no expense. In still other words, Uncle Sam was giving the Washington fashionables free storage, so that they could enjoy their vacations without worry~~ing~~ and without cost.

Having made this discovery the directors of the Museum report that ^{the museum} ~~it~~ is no longer to be used as a free summer storage vault.

PERSIA

There's ~~quite~~ an adventure story in today's newspapers. *And it comes*
far off from Persia. *The American* ~~These~~ three consular officials of ~~Uncle Sam's~~ who
were captured by tribesmen and had to be rescued by the military
forces of the Persian government, *have just* told the tale of their
experiences.

They left Kermanshah at ten o'clock Thursday evening.
Military guards on the highways requested them to pass the night
in the outskirts of a place called Sahneh. This was because the
Lurs, the tribesmen who captured them, were reported to be in
the neighborhood. Uncle Sam's consular officials resumed their
journey at six o'clock Friday morning. About ten miles from the
village, while they were on a deserted stretch of the main road,
~~they were captured by~~ *taken prisoner* *swooped down upon them,* a band of two hundred Lurs. They were
violently handled, robbed, even their clothes were taken away,
except their under-garments. *Clothed in the* *arrayed in that fashion* ~~They~~ they were forced to run and
walk twenty-five miles south into the ~~xxxxxxx~~ mountains. They
were warned by their captors that ~~they xxxxx would be killed if the~~

if the military attempted to rescue them they would be killed.

But about dusk the wild tribesmen let up on their watchfulness. This was because they were dividing the loot and squabbling about the shares. While this was going on, the Lurs were surprised by Persian troops with heavy machine guns and rifle fire. The tribesmen scattered and the three American officials escaped.

Well, that was a thrilling Persian adventure, thrilling enough to make an Arabian Nights bedtime story for Sheherazade to tell the Sultan -- and an appropriate one for me to end with, as I say -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.