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When you hear the word "Rockefeller", the <sup>synonymous</sup> ~~association~~

word that swiftly jumps into most people's minds is "billions."

Once upon a time, we used to associate it with the making of huge sums. More recently, it has come to denote gigantic beneficial spendings. John D. Rockefeller, Sr., was supposed to have been worth at one time something like a cool billion dollars, a ~~hundred~~ thousand millions. Today it becomes known that his heirs will inherit less than six millions. Of course a man could stagger along on that for quite a few months. Actually, the estate left by the old Rameses of Standard Oil was twenty-six million dollars odd. Of that, Uncle Sam gets something like sixteen millions, New York State four million, six hundred and sixteen thousand. Curiously enough, when he died, the man who created Standard Oil owned only one share of stock in that <sup>vast enterprise</sup> ~~great chain~~, one share of common stock in the Standard Oil Company of California, valued at forty-three dollars and ninety-four cents.

Of course it's no secret that during his lifetime the elder Rockefeller gave away more than five hundred and thirty millions. Some went to religious institutions, others for scientific

education and similar purposes. Also, he had given control of a vast sum to his son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. — *who carries on the stupendous Rockefeller philanthropies.*

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The fat is frying on the gridiron.



## SCHOOL BOY

You often hear of boys trying to get out of going to school. But you seldom hear of a boy as anxious to stay in school as thirteen year old Chris Simpson of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Five years ago, Chris didn't think so much of education. In fact, he thought so poorly of it that he tried to burn down the schoolhouse.

But five years seem to have made a lot of changed. This morning teacher expelled Chris for fighting. He didn't stay expelled long. He came back, and he didn't come alone. In his hand he had a revolver. He drove the teacher and all the other pupils out of the class room, at the pistol point. He took possession and remained there, monarch of all he surveyed. It took a detail of sheriff's officers to disarm Chris and restore teacher to the classroom.

## TWELVETREES

New York's cops have been looking for a dog all day. His name is Twelvetrees and he's a highly pedigreed and educated poodle. His full name is Grover Twelvetrees Whalen, but he answers to the name of Twelvetrees. So far the story doesn't sound like news. What brings it into the spotlight is the nature of the places where the gendarmes have been asked to hunt for Twelvetrees. They're ransacking all the saloons, bars, cafes and grills in the city, quite a large order! Twelvetrees, it seems, has an unusual taste for a dog. He loves his beer. And when he can't get it at home, he'll go rushing the growler. He'll go for a walk, and gallop into any bar that's open, begging for a drink. In other words, Twelvetrees is so educated that he's remarkably like some two-footed creatures I know.

The dog's mistress reports that she had thought Twelvetrees curried of his beery thirst. Several weeks ago, he went out and found a number of generous two-footed pals. He came home all lit up like Times Square on Election Night, and the next morning had the experience that happens to others, a wow of a hangover. That seemed to discourage him, and his owner thought he had taken a pledge. But Twelvetrees is on another bender and the cops are looking for him.



## JEWS

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In Europe, the German-Jewish question again overshadows ~~practically~~ all other ~~the~~ news. The furore against the acts of the Nazis seems to have thrown a real monkey wrench into the machinery of Premier Chamberlain's policy of appeasement of Hitler. The Nazis today were frothing at the mouth more violently than ever over the proposal to settle Jewish refugees in former German colonies. It has even been rumored that Hitler would recall his Ambassador from London. The rumor was denied in Berlin, but it persists. A later dispatch had it that Hitler's Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop was in favor of recalling the Ambassador as a protest. However, Field Marshal Goering was against it, and Goering's arguments won out.

The Nazi anger is because the Chamberlain proposal would throw into the discard all negotiations for the return of Germany's colonies. The outcome, it is generally believed, <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ be that the Nazis will refuse to let the Jews leave, will insist upon keeping them in Germany where they can go on kicking them around.

~~Uncle Sam today had some more to say about that same~~  
*Today the American*  
question. <sup>1</sup> ~~Our~~ Charge d'Affaires in Berlin presented a new note to

Hitler's government. Not so awfully new, apparently, but rather a repetition of previous demands. It wants the German government to assure us that Jews of American citizenship are not affected by the recent drastic decrees shutting Hebrews out from any part in business throughout the Reich. (More specifically, it states that the United States government assumes that the recent decrees do not affect the interest of American citizens. And so it asks the German government to inform the United States government that this assumption is correct.)



FINLAND

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Finland contributed to the European excitement today.

Like most other peoples, the Finns are also infested with a

Fascist party. It isn't large, only fifty thousand, but it has

been troublesome and is in close relations with the Italian

Fascisti on the one hand, and the German Nazis on the other.

Today, the government of Helsingfors decided enough was enough.

They ordered the disbandment of the Finnish Nazi party, also the

immediate suppression of eighteen newspapers.

CANADA

From Canada comes news of a Fascist organization out to launch a campaign against the Jews. The Fascist outfit calls itself the National Unity Party. The general organizer is a person named Joseph Farr. Today he made the announcement at Toronto that the Jew-baiting will open with a monster rally, to be called at Toronto.

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CORRESPONDENT

There's an addition to the honor list of American correspondents thrown out of Europe by Fascist governments.

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Mussolini has ordered the ejection of Frank Smothers, correspondent in Rome of the "Chicago Daily News." <sup>Q</sup> <sup>(that Smothers)</sup> ~~It was the story he~~ cabled home about the Chamberlain-Mussolini Treaty ~~that~~ earned him the distinction. ~~Incidentally,~~ <sup>T</sup> that story probably didn't ring any too pleasantly in English ears, <sup>far</sup> <sup>^</sup> Smothers cabled in part:

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## CHINA

For some days there have been rumors from China that the Chinese Communists were breaking away from Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. The reports were categorically contradicted today. The Chinese Communists published a resolution of the party, adopted by the Central Committee in the capital of the Chinese Reds at Yen-an-Fu, in the Province of Shensi. This resolution is not only emphatically in favor of complete cooperation under the leadership of Chiang, it also permits young Communists to join the Youth Corps of the Chinese Generalissimo, which had hitherto been forbidden.



TEXTILE

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It has been frequently prophesied that the Japanese would lose no time growing their own cotton in parts of the territory that they've conquered from the Chinese. As a matter of fact, it isn't even a phrophecy, it's a fact. Upton Close tells me that cotton crops have already been planted and will be harvested before long.

From Rhode Island comes today the first reaction of American business men to Japan's policies in conquered territory. The Rhode Island Textile Association has addressed a formal communication to the State Department. It includes the declaration that Japan has "arrogantly scrapped the theory of the Open Door in China for American business," and it adds: "We can see no good reason why Japan, while handicapping our export business in the Far East, should be permitted to enjoy the status ~~xx~~ of a most favored nation over here so that she can dispose of her goods in this country to the disadvantage of American producers."

~~And it declares further: "It seems to us that Japan has sacrificed any rights to special consideration by this country."~~

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~~And~~ the communication concludes with the demand that Secretary Hull strike Japan off the list of ~~the most~~ favored nations who benefit from reciprocal trade treaties.

## JAPAN FOLLOW TEXTILE

And Secretary Hull had something to say about Japan today. It concerned the protest to Japan from Uncle Sam, about that Open Door policy in China. The reply from the Tokyo government, says the Secretary of State, is unsatisfactory. It was not responsive to the objections made by the United States and cannot be regarded as an answer.

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## PROFIT-SHARING

The Senate Sub-Committee on Profit-Sharing heard a suggestion today from Walter D. Fuller, President of the Curtiss Publishing Company. He gave the Senators his idea of a system of taxation which would encourage large corporations and employers in general to run their plants on a profit-sharing basis. His notion would be for the government to allow employers tax-credits for any payments they make to their employees by way of profit sharing.

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## ELECTION

Here comes an echo from the recent election in Indiana.

Raymond Willis, who ran for Senator on the Republican ticket,

wanted a recount in seven counties of the state. Willis lost to

Senator Frederick Van Nuys, the present incumbent. Van Nuys

objected to a recount, said that matters like that were up to the

Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections. The judges of the

Circuit Courts in those seven counties *went ahead and* ~~had~~ issued orders for a

recount. Today the Supreme Court of Indiana handed down a writ of

prohibition, ~~but just~~ a temporary writ. It forbids the Circuit

judges from taking any steps for a recount until December Fifth.

At that time the whole thing will be thrashed out before the

Supreme Court of the State.



WILLIAMS

Aubrey Williams, Deputy Administrator of W.P.A., finds himself in somewhat of a jam today. It's on account of his speech last night at Birmingham, Alabama. Reporters picked out one sentence in which he said: "I'm not sure that class warfare is not all right," and sent it on the wire all over the country. Naturally, it aroused a terrific hullabaloo. Chairman Dies of the Committee on Un-American Activities, jumped on Williams, said it was ~~terrible~~ <sup>a bad thing</sup> for a government official to make such a statement.

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Williams today complains: "That sentence was plucked out of its context." Then he went on to say: "What I was talking about was class warfare as an accomplished fact, not something involving force." He explained further: "I meant such things as collective bargaining arrangements, clashes of groups within the nation, the clash of employee and employer, the clash of one industrial group against another industrial group." And then he stated: "I still say that traditional forms of class warfare cannot be escaped." *He's doing a lot of explaining.*

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ROYAL

Spectators had a chuckle today during the hearing before the Federal Communications Commission. On the witness stand was John F. Royal, Vice-President of the N.B.C., the Vice-President in charge of programs. He was being questioned concerning the length of programs over this chain. And he was asked whether they ran over the time scheduled for them. <sup>John</sup> Royal's answer was simple. He replied: "They seldom run over, except when government officials make speeches." Thereupon Frank R. McNinch, Chairman of the

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Commission, <sup>blushed visibly.</sup> ~~Commission, exclaimed: "Is my face red!"~~

McNinch recently was on a thirty minute program and spoke for thirty-seven <sup>minutes.</sup> ~~or thereabouts~~

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And maybe I'd better not follow the McNinch example — so so long u - t - m.