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CUBA

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~~State~~ Shake-up in the government at Havana, ^{Cuban} ~~state~~
~~of the~~ ~~politic~~ ~~os~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ shaken out. They say it's because of a scandal
concerning public works, in which it would appear that somebody
had been shaken down. Today President ~~x~~ Laredo Bru made the
official announcement that he had before him the resignations of
his entire cabinet, all the ministers having been requested to
write in and say -- I quit. It is believed that about half the
resignations will be accepted, half ~~of~~ the ministers ^{to go.} ~~will be out.~~
And some ~~of those to go~~ ^{are} ~~will be~~ friends of the President. ~~Some~~
~~are~~ ~~more~~ surprisingly still -- friends of General Batista, army
commander-~~in~~~~chief~~ - and iron man. So there's to be a ~~vigilant~~
thorough revision of the Cuban government -- following the scandal
about public works. Shake up ^{over a} ~~shake-up~~ shake-down.

SHANGHAI

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This was a day of coincidence in Shanghai, two things coinciding. ~~XXXXX~~ It was the anniversary of the shooting of two Japanese soldiers at the Shanghai airport, that incident which was a major factor in bringing on the China-Japan war. So ^{the} anxious ~~anticipation~~ anticipation was that Chinese terrorists would use the anniversary as an occasion for shooting and bombing attacks on the Japanese. All over the city precautions were ready. Barricades ~~erected~~ ^{erected,} orders issued for extra vigilance.

That was one thing in Shanghai today. The other -- ~~the~~

a typhoon. ^{From} ~~XXXXXX~~ the China Sea came one of those tempests of dread that lash Oriental waters. Shanghai was blasted by the wind. Water swept in, ~~and~~ ^{the} a deluge through streets. The Far famed Shanghai Bund ~~was~~ inundated. ~~Power~~ ^{down.} lines ~~Refugee~~ camps destroyed, one levelled flat by the wind. And the Japanese sentry boxes on Soochow Creek were blown to bits. There was fear for ~~ships~~ ^{ships} because the usual typhoon warnings had not been sent out. Both the Japanese and Chinese prohibited weather reports ^{lest} ~~they~~ ^{they give} help to air raiders.

48 } So it was typhoon in Shanghai on the day when the terror of an anniversary was feared. ~~the~~ ^{But the} tempest blew away war and politics. The wind was the terror today.

GERMANY

An alarmist report was spread in Paris today, a report featuring ~~the~~ the vague word -- "otherwise." Germany will support Japan morally -- and "otherwise." The story relates that the German ambassador to Paris had a conference with French Foreign Minister Bonet, in which the Frenchman asked -- was it true that Hitler's Minister in Berlin made a promise to the Japanese ambassador to Germany? And the answer is said to have been -- yes -- Germany did make the promise that if the Siberian clash between Soviet Russia and Japan developed into a regular war Germany would support Japan; ~~morally~~ Morally -- and, otherwise. ~~which~~ ^{which} in this case means military help. And that might well mean world war.

The Paris report was of sufficient importance to bring a quick answer from Berlin. There the story of ~~the~~ "otherwise" is characterized as a mere trial balloon -- somebody putting out the rumor to see what the reaction would be.

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Meanwhile Soviet Moscow was denying a report. Today Shanghai picked up a broadcast, which ^{was} ~~is~~ represented as official wireless news sent out from a Soviet station. This broadcast told of an air raid by Soviet war planes into Japanese-controlled Korea, and

related a devastating tale of bombs from the skies.* "Our brave aviators," declared the Russian words on the wireless, "practically destroyed the entire town of Kojo." *Sounded like Kajo, capital of Korea — ~~Seoul~~ Seoul.*

The flash from the ether created a Far Eastern stir, and now is officially denounced in Moscow. Soviet officials say there was no such air raid, no destruction *of the Korean capital —* ~~in any town of Kojo~~, and they characterized the supposed Soviet broadcast as a fake.

So much for rumors, and now for reality. (The Russo-Japanese clash at that disputed height, Chang Kufeng Hill, today turned into a terrific artillery fire. Soviet heavy guns blasted away with a barrage that observers described as of World War proportions.) And to that area of warfare has come the Soviet Far Eastern Commander-in-Chief General Bluecher. His presence there is taken to mean that the Red Army plans heavier warfare and more violent battle.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Sudeten Germans are making a hero and a martyr of their party member who was killed in a disturbance over the week-end. They announce today that they will give him a martyr's funeral with a huge demonstration, ^{and} will inscribe his name on their list of heroes.

Yet martyrdom and heroism hardly seem to fit the circumstances in which the Sudeten German lost his life. He was killed by an Austrian refugee, ~~who escaped from the Nazis into Czechoslovakia and~~
~~joined the German Socialist Party there. The killing took place~~
in a bar-room fight. ~~When~~ The Sudeten was stabbed with a pocket knife and hit over the head with a beer mug.

In Berlin the incident is described as a major event in the Czechoslovakia crisis.

BERGDOLL

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Tonight once more we hear the name of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the most famous of World War draft-dodgers. And again the question is raised of his returning to the United States, ~~his own country from which he escaped rather than serve in the army against Germany.~~ This time Bergdoll's German wife, who is living over here, asked ^s him to come back and serve the prison sentence that still stands against him. She wants him here, prison or no prison, to help in settling a family quarrel and lawsuit.

Bergdoll, living for years as a fugitive in Germany, married a German girl. A couple of years ago his wife came over here to plea ^d for him, ~~so~~ ~~get Bergdoll out of the Government's hands so~~ that he might return to his native land. In this ~~role~~ she was joined by the draft dodger's mother. ~~But now Mother in Law and Daughter in Law are at odds. Because of what? Because of six hundred thousand dollars.~~ ^{now} Bergdoll's mother claims that she transferred six hundred thousand dollars in securities to Bergdoll's wife. It was to be a temporary arrangement, but the

wife now refuses to return the ^{600,000.} So claims the mother, and she ^{has} gone to court about it.

That's the row which the Number One draft dodger is asked to return and settle -- and go to prison in addition. His wife said today: "I'm writing to him and asking him to come back and straighten this thing out. I feel," she adds, "it would help him to straighten out not only this, but everything -- including his life."

KENTUCKY

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Governor Happy Chandler of Kentucky doesn't seem to be so keenly interested in that deep, dark poison plot to take his life, that death conspiracy against him in his fight for the Senatorial nomination. Happy failed most unhappily in his battle against Administration leader Barkley, and now he is asked to appear before a Grand Jury investigation of the poison melodrama, and tell how he fell ill after eating some frankfurters. Also -- it was charged that a glass of water had been turned blue from poison.

~~at~~ The police laughed at the idea that it was a campaign death plot against Happy. They said it was just a campaign hoax.

Today the word is that the Governor will not appear before the Grand Jury investigation of the sinister mystery.

He says he won't be there, because he is going away on vacation.

~~Neither will State Attorney General Commissioner C. Dan Tamm be there~~

~~though he says he was also an intended victim of a poison plot.~~

~~He today declared, "If I don't get any more satisfaction out of~~

~~the Grand Jury investigation that I did out of the Chief of~~

~~Police and Chief of Detectives, I am not interested."~~ So it looks

as if the great Kentucky mystery of poison ^{and} politics will turn into
mere fizz ^{and froth} — instead of something somber and spectacular about
strychnine, arsenic and cyanide.

Just to keep up the good old Kentucky Election Day spirit,
let's observe that a State Senator today surrendered on the charge
of having been an accessory to an Election Day killing. He is
~~State Senator [redacted] and at [redacted], Kentucky, [redacted] was released~~
on his own recognizance. ~~[redacted] charged with having figured in a~~
~~gun battle in which Lee Combs, was killed.~~

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The affair was a shooting match between partisans
of Governor Chandler and Senator Barkley. The man killed was a
Chandler supporter. His brother, the County Campaign Manager for the
Happy Governor was wounded. And so also was one of ^{the} Barkley
partisans.

The fight has stirred up a lot of agitation down in
the Blue Grass, culminating with the surrender today of
State Senator Turner, charged with being an accessory to the crime.

~~The Chip Primary has just been [redacted] treated to~~

Ohio

The Ohio Primary has just been treated to an ~~am~~ astonishing phenomenon. When a candidate goes to a town to make a campaign speech, the local leaders of his party ~~is~~ ^{are} supposed to stir up a big ~~h~~^urrah. Well, what's the matter with the Democrats at Chardon, Ohio? Democratic Governor Martin L. Davey sojourned to Chardon to make an ~~ad~~dress in his fight for renomination. And not one Democrat was there to receive him or to hear him speak. Somehow the local organization had slipped up and forgotten all about its Governor and candidate, ^{And} Governor Davey was faced with the painful predicament of being a campaign orator with neither a welcoming committee to meet him, nor an audience to hear him. There was no way to get the Democrats together, so the Republicans stepped in and did a noble deed. They may be against the Democratic Governor, ~~for~~ but they know the honor due ^{to a} ~~the~~ Governor of Ohio. So a committee of a hundred ardent partisans of the G.O.P. assembled hastily, greeted the Governor, ^{and} listened to his Democratic campaign address. All for the glory of dear old Ohio.

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PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania courts today ~~is~~ called a halt on the Grand Jury investigation of Governor Earle. The Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court handed down a writ, telling the Grand Jury to stop its proceedings until the court could rule whether or not that other investigation held by the legislature is constitutional, ~~or not~~. That will put off the Grand Jury inquiry into the ^{graft}~~graft~~ charges until September at least.

RECOVERY

Where there's recovery, there's good business.

That would seem to be an indisputable axiom, ~~But~~ it's all

wrong. ~~Today~~ Today the Public Service Commission of the

State of Georgia was told that in recovery there's bad business,

the worst kind, no business at all. ~~The~~ The Atlantic Coastline

Railroad is ~~now~~ petitioning to be allowed to abolish its

station at the ^{town} ~~site~~ of Recovery, for lack of business.

DIVINE

Fifty miles up the Hudson two estates face each other on opposite banks, old traditional places with spacious acres and stately manor houses from the old days. Today the estate on the West bank was a scene of wild and shouting jubilation -- African jubilation. Hundreds of negroes from Harlem yelled and danced and sang. And clearly across the river could be seen the estate on the East bank with its ancestral ~~style and sedateness~~ house of aristocratic style and sedateness -- the home of President Roosevelt. I don't know how much the occupants of Hyde Park ~~today~~ ^{saw} today of that scene at Krum Elbow. But surely they must have heard the jubilant chorus that rang out ~~from the throats~~ from the throats of the angels ^{in the Heaven} of Father Divine.) Here's what they sang with a-dancing and a-trucking and a-jitter bug shagging:-

"Look across the river," they chanted in shrill

~~with~~ ecstasy.

"Look across the river and see our neighbor."

"Peace, Peace!"

"Look across the river and see our good neighbor."

Well, the good neighbor policy is one of the major points of the Roosevelt administration, but I don't think the President ever thought of it quite that way. But that's the way it is after Howland Spencer, the distant Roosevelt relative and bitter Roosevelt enemy, sold his estate of Krum Elbow, just across the river from Hyde Park. Sold it to Father Divine and his angels for a new Heaven. And the new Heaven on-the-Hudson was duly inaugurated today -- with flying of flags, showers of confetti, vast munching of food, and troops of angels dancing the Big Apple with religious ecstasy. Father Divine, whom they worship as God, drove up to Heaven in his twenty-five thousand dollar limousine. He didn't come by boat with his followers because there were several boats. And there was a wild competition to get on the same boat with the little brown Divinity. He didn't want to play favorites so he went the limousine way -- and wore an admiral's uniform.

That has a startling sound

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but this time it means Angels' Expeditionary Force.

And shouts rang out: "Peace, it's wonderful!" Chants echoed through the hills, "Father Divine, ain't he sweet!"

And then that new song, especially for the occasion, as the black angels danced and caroled:-

"Look across the River and see our
neighbor."

"Peace, Peace.

"Let's look across the river and
see our good neighbor."

And so a new Heaven was begun today across the river from the President.

And today, just to make the festive occasion complete, the President came home to the U. S. A., landed at Pensacola. Upon disembarking from his fishing boat, the U. S. Cruiser Houston, he drove in a parade through the city and made an address. He's heading now for Washington and is scheduled to make a few campaign ~~speeches.~~ *speeches.*

~~speeches.~~ Then he will ~~sojourn~~ ^{for a} stay at his ancestral home just across the river from Heaven. *Peace, it's wonderful!*

WYNN

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Comedian Ed Wynn scored his latest success in a rollicking extravaganza called "Hooray for What". Today Mrs. Ed Wynn tells a story of married life and her theme ~~isn't~~ song might well be -- "Hooray for What?" They're separated, the fifty-two year old veteran of humor and the stage and the twenty-seven year old young woman who won a beauty contest seven years back. She intends to go to Reno for a divorce. She says that Ed is "one swell guy and all that," ~~but~~ ^{but Hooray for What?} ^{she complains} "He's old and I'm young." "And I'm tired ~~of~~ ^{of} being suppressed and depressed," ^{she adds,} ~~of~~

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He wanted her to ~~stay~~ stay at home, the quiet and domestic life. But that isn't her idea of happiness. She says it gave her nervous breakdowns. ^{So Hooray for What?} Her notion of paradise is -- as ~~she~~ she explains it -- ~~she~~ Dining on starlit roofs, dancing and having fun. ~~she~~ ^{Whoopie!}

And now, She's having fun -- now that they're ^{separated.} ~~separated.~~ There's a tall dapper youth whom she calls -- "My gigolo." She explains that men friends didn't want to dance with her, because of her husband, so she hired a gigolo at twenty dollars a night. In that way she is getting over nervous breakdowns, only to encounter

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another malady however. Today the former beauty contest winner
displayed her two big toes done up in bandages. "They're all
blistered from dancing," she explained.

So ^{dom}~~dom~~estic life gives her nervous breakdowns, while
dancing blisters her big toes. ^{So}~~But that doesn't bother her~~

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Hooray for what? ~~_____~~ *And s-l-u-t-m,*