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CRUISER

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That monster snow cruiser of Admiral Byrd's has finally reached Boston. It took this over-land craft, PENQUIN THE FIRST, nineteen days to make the thousand mile trip from Chicago. And surely nothing on wheels ever had a more spectacular cruise.

Before finishing the final stage of the journey, PENQUIN THE FIRST had created the biggest traffic jam in the history of Massachusetts. Something like two million inhabitants of the Bay State turned out to see it yesterday. To cover the final twenty-five miles from Framingham to Boston required a little more than four hours.

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And at five o'clock this morning PENQUIN THE FIRST accomplished the final accident of those hectic thousand miles. Rolling down one of the Wellesley hills at a modest pace of fifteen miles an hour, the big snow cruiser encountered a street lamp and sheared it off like a razor cutting through cheese. The paint on PENQUIN THE FIRST is almost invisible by this time, being completely covered by millions of autographs written on the sides of the cruiser by sightseers.

And today one of the weariest men in America is

Dr. Thomas ~~a~~ Poulter, Scientific Director of the Armour Research
Foundation, ^{from whose brain emerged} ~~who designed and built~~ PENQUIN THE FIRST for Admiral

Byrd. He put up patiently, he said, with numerous wisecracks.

But it was almost too much when a motor cop came put-putting
alongside PENQUIN THE FIRST and said:- "Pull over to the curb
and let me see your license!"

QUAKE

An earthquake in Washington! I mean the State of Washington, not the capital.

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It was felt most heavily at Tacoma, but its range was all the way from Vancouver, British Columbia, down to Portland, Oregon. Evidently the big scare was at Olympia, the state capital of Washington, where hundreds of people ran out into the streets expecting havoc. ~~But all the damage actually done was the falling of some plaster in the state capital.~~ ~~there~~ ¹

A later telegram from Seattle reports that the damage in that quake was not quite so superficial as everybody thought at first. In Seattle alone it will probably amount to one million dollars.

CAPONE

Considerable
~~For some unexplained reason a great deal of~~ fuss is being
made
~~made~~ concerning the whereabouts of Scarface Al Capone, ~~once the~~
~~czar of Chicago~~ ~~the Chicago underworld~~. It had been reported that
his sentence expired last Thursday. But that is now corrected,
he will not be free until Sunday.

At the same time, the headquarters of the Department of
Justice in Washington is maintaining a somewhat thundering silence
about Capone. An official announcement was issued that this
notorious convict is still in custody, and it is not in the
public interest to disclose any plans for his release. Beyond
this, adds the Department, there is no comment nor will there be
any comments.

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It is known that for the last ten months he was at the
Federal Prison on Terminal Island in the harbor of Los Angeles.
It was there that he was taken from ~~the grim rock at~~ Alcatraz.
Of course ~~what~~ all the haunts of the underworld are echoing
with whispers, stories, rumors. And there is gossip that there are
men waiting to get even with him, federal criminals who accuse
him of being a stool pigeon, and ~~so forth, and~~ so on. The only
thing certain ~~about him~~ is that there is no certain information as
to ~~his~~ where he is.

KUHN

~~This seems to have been romance day in the New York courts,~~
~~Or at any rate in two of them.~~ (At the trial of Fritz ~~Kuhn~~ ^{Kuhn} Fuehrer
of the German-America Bund, a large number of women spectators
filled the courtroom. Somehow the word had got out that the
prosecution would produce affectionate communications from the
American Fuehrer to a lady not his wife. The spectators were not
disappointed. The prosecutor did read telegrams to a Mrs. Camp,
conveying love and kisses, also great love and kisses. But the
ladies in the courtroom seemed to find them funny rather than
romantic. Kuhn himself blushed a deep red and hung his head.)

The point of producing ~~these~~ ^{the} telegrams was the desire of
the prosecution to show that they had been paid for out of the
funds belonging to the German-America Bund. Kuhn's lawyers
take the position that all this doesn't matter since Kuhn was
the absolute boss, had a right to use those funds for any purpose
that he chose, had made an explanation to the members of the Bund,
and was re-elected after making that explanation.

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WAR

Today's war news from the European West Front simmers down to a couple of trivial air raids. A squad of German reconnaissance planes flew over Paris and was driven off by the anti-aircraft artillery. The population of Paris suffered more from their own cannon than from the German planes. Three civilians, including a three year-old child, were wounded by bits of shrapnel from anti-aircraft batteries.

Way up north, over the Shetland ~~Islands~~^S, north ~~east~~ of Scapa Flow, a squad of Nazi bombers also appeared. There were two raids on those northernmost isles, both of them ~~sent to the~~^{repelled} ~~right about~~ by anti-aircraft fire. So says the British Admiralty.

DUTCH

The war scare has passed from the Netherlands, all is quiet along the Zuyder Zee, ^{for the moment.} The speech of the Dutch Prime Minister, DeGeer, put a ^{temporary} quietus on the fears that the Nazis were about to rampage through Queen Wilhelmina's country, do to the Dutch what they ^{Kaiser} did to the Belgians twenty-five years ago. In fact, it was said that the anxiety was mostly outside Holland. The panic was not among the Dutchmen but in other countries. And said Premier DeGeer:- "There was not the least ground for the wild rumors that have been circulating in the last few days about an acute danger to our country. Our mobilization," he added, "offered mutual protection to all. And so he rather ambiguously explained the Dutch mobilization. In Berlin, the responsibility for those false rumors, was thrown upon the British.

FINNS

The Finnish delegation, as expected, left Moscow, tonight -- on the snowy journey back to Helsingfors. And they left without accomplishing anything, no agreement, no compromise with ther terms demanded by Stalin.

It was observed as their train steamed out of the railway station that there was only one representative of the Sovet government there to see them off -- and he an obscure sub-official. A good deal of importance is attached to that. This neglect is believed to have been deliberate, a strong hint to the Finns that they had better listen to reason, or rather what passes for reason in the Kremlin.

EIRE

The Free State of Eire, ^{aire} once known to fame and poetry as Ireland, objects to being described as a belligerent. ~~Or maybe~~ ~~it's not the name but the practical consequences of the name which~~ ~~are the most resented by the countrymen of President deValera,~~ ~~Be that as it may,~~ ^{The} deValera's government has protested to Washington against the proclamation by President Roosevelt which included ^{all} ~~the~~ ^{Irish ports} ~~ports of the island of Eire~~ within the belligerent war zone, hence barred to ships of the United States. The deValera government claims that the neutrality of Eire, together with her geographical position, make it perfectly possible for our ships to traffic over there with complete safety.

SIRDHANA

The latest tragedy to a British ship was not caused by any German submarine or airplane either. It is definitely known now that a British mine sank the liner SIRDHANA, right off the waterfront of Singapore, killing eleven passengers. And the worst part of it was the loss of women and children.

It was at first reported that several Americans perished, including William Nichol, the magician known as "Nicola." But he was saved, though he lost all his equipment. He is principally known to audiences as the man who made an elephant disappear.

There will be a naval court of inquiry into the sinking of the SIRDHANA.

ROTHERMERE

~~Meanwhile~~ A lawsuit in high life is tickling the ribs of inhabitants of the British Isles. That is, all those who haven't gone to war. The defendant is none other than the Right Honorable the Viscount Rothermere, multi-millionaire newspaper publisher, brother of the late Lord Northcliffe. The plaintiff is Her Serene Highness, the Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe-Waldenburge. ^{Her} Serenity charges ^{His Lordship} ~~the lord~~ of the Northcliffe newspaper empire with breach of of contract. She says the prince of the press promised to give her ^{for life} five thousand pounds a year, somewhere between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars, depending upon the rate of exchange, -- for life. In return Her Transparency, as the Germans call the title, was to serve the prince of the press as his political representative in foreign parts.

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In defending himself, ^{today Lord} Rothermere declared that he paid her almost two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in six years and he thought that was about enough. In addition to that, he gave her more than seven thousand dollars when he sent her to visit Captain

Fritz Weidemann, now Hitler's consul-general in San Francisco,

~~and then the Fuerherer's~~ ^{but at that time his} personal aide in Berlin. Rothermere ~~says he~~ testified today that he himself proceeded to

From active business
retired and upon retiring figured that the support of Her Serene
~~SEKKE~~ Highness, the Princess of Hohenlohe-Waldenburge, was one
of the cares of office that he had dropped.

The lawyer for Her Transparent Highness cross-examined
his Fleet Street Lordship, and
~~Lord Rothermere.~~ He asked the press baron whether he hadn't sent
the lady to see Hitler just to get rid of her and then suggested,
"Wasn't that tough on Hitler?" To which the newspaper overlord
replied:- "I'm not a bit sorry for Hitler, he richly deserved it!"

Lord
But what cut Rothermere most bitterly was a couple
of little statues which the Princess had sent to him. ~~The cut~~
~~was not literally but figurative.~~ Because along with the statuettes
His Lordship received a bill. And that, he said, demonstrated an
utter lack of chivalry on the part of ~~the~~ *Her* Hungarian Transparency.

*The story is all a bit
opaque. But maybe the trial
will bring out more to make it
clear if not transparent.*

CARL BICKEL

That story of the British press Lord ought to amuse one of our own press magnificoes, Carl Bickel, down in Florida. This high-ranking member of the Scripps-Howard organization used to be President of the United States -- ^{United Press,} / I mean. Tonight, however, Carl Bickel may be more interested in affairs in Florida than in Rothermere's Transparency. Carl has just ~~xxxxxx~~ been decorated by the American Legion at Sarasota for distinguished civic service, maybe for teaching Sarasota how to break into print.

At any rate, I hope our ex-United Press chief is listening as we salute him and toast him with a beaker of Florida orange juice.

CATHOLICS

There was a celebration in the nation's capital today, the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic University. A convocation was held in honor of the occasion, and a message was read from the President, who mentioned that a kinsman of his, James Roosevelt Baily, preceded Cardinal Gibbons as Archbishop of Baltimore.

Today's convocation was historic in another respect. It became the occasion for the first broadcast in English by the Pope. Pius the Twelfth broadcast from his private library at Vatican City, a personal message in which he said:- "Our chief hope after God, rests in the schools of Christian culture, old and new, among which stands your Catholic University as a typical example."

HERRICK

There seems to be a Romeo and Juliet touch to a fashionable love affair in New York. The Juliet in this romance is named Eileen, Eileen Herrick. The Romeo appears in the Social Register as George Lowther I-I-I, meaning presumably that he's the third George Lowther in the history of the North American republics.

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Up to a short time ago the young couple were seen a great deal in each other's company. Last week, however, they ~~went of~~ disappeared ^{from} ~~out of~~ the limelight. Probably didn't see more than a dozen cameramen ~~between them~~ in two days. Then it became known that Lowther had betaken himself to a man of law asking for a writ of habeas corpus for ~~him~~ Miss Herrick. ~~Those are almost fighting words in these piping days. At any rate, law court fighting words.~~ The young Lowther alleged as a reason that Papa Herrick, ~~whose first name is Walter and~~ who used to be a New York City Park Commissioner, is keeping him from seeing the young lady.

The lawyer did not immediately run for legal instruments, but tried persuasion first. Whereupon Papa Herrick told the

reporters it was all nonsense, that young Lowther was welcome to appear at the Herrick house whenever he chose.

This afternoon, accordingly, young Lowther appeared at the Herrick domicile on East End Avenue, Manhattan. Word had got around that he was going to try it and there were spectators aplenty. This love affair having somewhat ^{the secrecy} ~~all the aspects~~ of a ~~an~~ romance in higher goldfish circles. Lowther appeared at the front door, ~~as I said, and~~ leaned against the bell button, resolutely ignoring the presence of two stout detectives, presumably hired by ~~the~~ Herrick ^{pers.} ~~family~~. There was no answer to the pressure on the door bell, so young George Lowther ^{the 3rd,} ~~with the~~ ~~three "I's", meaning that he's the third George Lowther in the history of the American republics,~~ did what the king of France did in the nursery tale. He walked right up those steps and walked right down again.

Thereupon the austere hand of the law was stretched out to make the course of true love run smooth. Or, at any rate we hope so. The counsel of the third George Lowther ~~in the history of the North American republics~~ went to a justice of the ^{n. Y.} ~~Supreme~~ Courts,

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who issued an order whereby the ~~third~~ ^{the 3rd} George ~~Lowther~~ ^{Lowther} in the ~~history~~
of the ~~North American republics~~ will be able to see Miss Eileen
Herrick. But the loving interview will have to take place in the
dark, dull, dingy ~~precincts~~ ^{n. y.} precincts of a ~~Supreme~~ Court room.
Can love survive such an ordeal?

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In applying for this writ, Lowther ~~signed~~ signed an
affidavit swearing that Miss Eileen ~~Herrick~~ was a lady in distress,
restrained against her will, imprisoned and confined by her harsh
parents. In consideration whereof, the Honorable Isadore
Wasservogel, Justice of the Supreme Court of the sovereign State
of New York, orders former Park Commissioner Walter Herrick to
produce his daughter, Eileen, in court at two thirty P.M. Wednesday,
November Fifteenth. Amors and affidavits, romance and writs!

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Presided over by the Honorable
Justice Wasservogel.