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There is going to be a solemn, ~~and serious~~ conference in Tokyo tomorrow. ~~Strictly speaking, it begins at midnight, which is two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon in Japan. It's a most serious, and solemn affair.~~ Presiding over it will be the Emperor, Hirohito ~~himself, arrayed in full dress,~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~in the~~ uniform of a Japanese Field Marshal. On either side of him will be the members of the Cabinet, <sup>the</sup> naval minister and <sup>the</sup> admirals to the right of him, the war minister and generals to the left.

There have only been five such conferences in the history of the Japanese empire. The last time one was called was in Nineteen Fourteen, the occasion being the declaration of war against Germany. The purpose of tomorrow's affair will be to decree the relentless prosecution of <sup>China</sup> the war. The conference will solemnly declare its determination not to quit until Chiang Kai-shek's government is destroyed root and branch. The belief in diplomatic circles is that Japan's next move will be to invade south China, ~~and to occupy all the important regions of the country.~~

CHINA

Fifteen years ago, almost to a day, the military forces of the Mikado, evacuated Tsingtao, the great seaport which the Germans had built. It was not exactly of their own free will that the Japanese gave up the city and territory they had seized as a war measure. The moving impulse was the pressure of the Allied nations, particularly Uncle Sam.

There were those among critics and reporters on the Far Eastern scene who said:- "They'll be back before long." Today that prophecy was fulfilled. The blue-jacketed soldiers from twenty of the Mikado's warships landed at half past three in the afternoon.

And thus Rear Admiral Shishido, formally took possession of that *tremendously* ~~great~~ valuable harbor. The control was handed over to him by the Foreign Committee which had taken over the administration at Tsingtao towards the end of the siege. On that Committee were two Americans, a man from Sausalito, California, and a New Yorker.

After Admiral Shishido had taken over the administration, a fleet of trucks carrying Japanese officers distributed the Rising Sun flags to the population, with orders to fly them over their houses, *which apparently have to do.*

HULL

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SINGAPORE

Taking part in the recently announced Singapore manoeuvres will be the biggest air force ever to take the air over Asia. There will be five squadrons of British planes from India and Iraq. Today we learn that John Bull is planning to make Singapore the most powerful air base in the entire empire.

SPAIN

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There has been another outburst of ferocious fighting in Spain. According to government claims, General Franco's forces outside Teruel took a smashing defeat. And ~~also~~ the government <sup>claims</sup> ~~spokesmen claim, the soldiers~~ they beat ~~were~~ General Franco's main army. They <sup>Left Wingers</sup> captured a hill which is described as a strategic key position. While the infantry were fighting on the ground, a fleet of forty government planes had a dog fight with fifteen Rebel pilots.

QUEEN MARIE

It is reported from Vienna that Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania is dying. The dispatch uses the phrase -- sinking rapidly, hope abandoned by family. She is sixty-one years old, and cut a brilliant figure in her time. Her visit to America some years back was a thing they are still talking about. Of late her health has been poor, constant illness. Now it's -- fatal illness, so says <sup>the</sup> word from Vienna.

JEWS

There was an emergency meeting in Geneva today, a session of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Conference. Its purpose was to draw up ~~the program~~ a program for the protection of Jews in Roumania.



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The much disputed Ludlow Amendment is dead, that is, for this season. It was killed in the House but not by a large majority. The vote was two hundred and nine to a hundred and eighty-eight. So, you see, Mr. Ludlow's recipe for keeping us out of war lost ~~out~~ by only twenty-one votes. And at that, it took a letter from the White House to kill it. President Roosevelt's communication, ~~which was~~ addressed to Speaker Bankhead, was read to the Representatives, ~~and in that manner~~, put on the heat as they say along Broadway. ~~Nevertheless, it's significant that there was such a narrow margin.~~

The Speaker ~~Bankhead~~ took the exceedingly unusual step of leaving the chair, walking down into the middle of the aisle, and from there addressing the members. ~~And~~ Said he: "I take the floor with great reluctance." And he continued: "I measure my words when I say this is the greatest question submitted to the Congress of the United States since I became a member of it more than twenty years ago." ~~And he said further~~ <sup>Then he added:</sup> "I hate war as much as any man does but I am ~~willing to~~ not willing to abandon the wisdom and judgment of the framers of the Constitution."

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President Roosevelt's letter pointed out that, as he put it, "such an amendment to the Constitution would cripple any president in his conduct with our foreign relations. And it would encourage other nations to believe ~~that~~ they could violate American rights with impunity."

Majority Leader Sam Rayburn of Texas echoed the sentiments of the Speaker that it is the most serious question he ever had to vote on, ~~and then~~ Said Leader Rayburn:- "The adoption of this resolution would do more to plunge the United States into war than any action the Congress of the United States has taken."

The size of the vote for the Ludlow Amendment indicates clearly that many Democrats kicked over the traces and flung their votes into the teeth of the administration and of the President.

~~Representative Hamilton Fish declared: "The fight is only just begun. It will be kept up until we win." Mr. Fish incidentally is the ranking Republican member of the Foreign Relations Committee in the House.~~

"Government and business should take counsel together in a spirit of forbearance and cooperation to overcome the recession." Those are the sentiments of Mr. <sup>not</sup> ~~Lamont~~ DuPont, Chairman of the Board of the vast ~~rich~~ industrial empire of his family. ~~Mr. DuPont~~

*The chief of the*  
~~Mr.~~ DuPont offers a three-point program. And he told it to the Senate's Committee that is investigating unemployment and relief. First, he urges, stabilize the tax rates, simplify taxes. Second, stabilize the labor situation. Third, stabilize the laws that govern industry. "At present," says Chairman DuPont, "we are working in a fog of uncertainty." Aside from this, the most important thing Mr. DuPont told the Senators was that his Company last year earned dividends of seven dollars on every share of common stock. He also announced that the DuPonts are preparing to spend thirty-five million dollars in expanding and improving their plants.

~~The most ominous thing~~ He said ~~is that~~ a survey of the business field indicated that the sales during the first six months of this year would be twenty-three per cent less than ~~they were~~ a year ago.

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## TAXES

A message just came from Washington with words of good cheer for business men. It means that the tax revision which they've been asking for is at hand. The bill will start on its way to Congress Friday. That was announced today by Representative Doughten of North Carolina. He's Chairman of the important Ways and Means Committee where all tax measures must originate. The Committee is going to start on Friday holding public hearings on this vexacious tax question.

SENATE

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Senator Ashurst of Arizona, Chairman of the Committee, made an announcement today apropos the forthcoming nomination of an Associate Justice to succeed Mr. Sutherland.

The Senators from now on are determined to avoid any such consequences as followed the appointment of Justice Black to the Supreme Court. Henceforth, the Senate's Judiciary Committee will approve of no nomination without complete investigation, hearings held in public. That will apply to all people nominated to the federal courts including the Supreme Court.

That rule has nearly always been observed in the past. But it was broken in the case of Senator Black.

GRAVES

There's going to be a new United States Senator from Alabama. When the Honorable Hugo L. Black went to the Supreme bench, Governor Bibb Graves appointed his wife to fill his toga. <sup>But</sup> There was a primary election in Alabama recently, and the Democratic nomination was won by ~~Mr.~~ Lister Hill, who has represented one of the Alabama districts in the House. Of course a Democratic nomination in Alabama means you're elected. Consequently, Mrs. Graves announced that she is resigning and that <sup>Bibb will</sup> ~~Governor Graves is going to~~ appoint ~~ed~~ Representative Hill to succeed her immediately.

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PINCHOT

*The tall patriarchal*

~~The Honorable~~ Gifford Pinchot today announced that his hat is in the ring again. Having been twice elected Governor of Pennsylvania, he sees no reason why he shouldn't make it three times. He's out to overthrow the New Deal administration of Governor George Earle. "I ask for the support of all Republicans," he said. "This is no time for division within our ranks." And then he continued:- "Our common purpose is to get rid of the present wasteful, sloppy misrule in Harrisburg."

According to the record, Gifford Pinchot is seventy-two years old, but those who have seen him recently say he doesn't

look it. <sup>He doesn't</sup> He's hale, hearty and vigorous as ever, <sup>as he sounds</sup> ~~only one~~

*the slogan "now is the time for all*  
~~other men ever succeeded in being elected Governor Pennsylvania~~

~~twice~~ *good men to come to the aid of their party."*

LINDBERGH

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A year and nine months have passed since Bruno Richard Hauptmann was electrocuted for the murder of the Lindbergh baby. Today Governor Harold Hoffman of New Jersey told the country how the twenty-five thousand dollar award is to be distributed.

Twenty-two thousand of it will be shared by ten people. The largest share goes to Walter Lyle, manager of <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ gasoline station, <sup>who received</sup> ~~who took~~, one of the ten dollar ransom notes from Hauptmann.

He gets seventy-five hundred. William Allen, the negro truck driver who found the body of the ~~little~~ child, gets five thousand. The bank teller who identified the ten dollar gold certificate as part of the ransom money, gets two thousand. Another bank teller, gets two thousand. A couple of New Jersey witnesses who identified Hauptmann at the trial, as well as Joe Perrone, the New York taxi driver, receive a thousand dollars apiece.

The remaining three thousand <sup>to</sup> ~~will~~ be divided among a hundred New York bank tellers who at one time or another handled and identified the ransom money.



EXHIBITION

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The radio is certainly no place to discuss pictures - and won't be until television comes. But just the same there are some pictures that, once ~~having~~ seen ~~them, they are so~~ vivid in our minds ~~that~~ it takes only a word to recall them. Take the photograph that won this year's prize at the Annual Exhibit of the Press Photographers Association, ~~The big show~~ ~~is on right~~ <sup>on</sup> now in the French Building here at Rockefeller Center, and it displays to us ~~Three~~ three hundred and thirty-five of the best shots made by the newspaper cameramen during the year, ~~just passed.~~ Prizes are awarded for several classes. In the class that puts the emphasis on spot news, ~~up to the minute,~~ what picture takes the award? Well, you can visualize it the moment I mention it - a photograph of the destruction of the HINDENBURG. Scores of cameramen snapped that stupendous cataclysm of flame - for a whole series of memorable photographs.

In the show here at Rockefeller Center, the prize goes to Charles Hoff of the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, who shot a terrifying classic of the exploding HINDENBURG.

WEATHER

The snowstorm we see outside our windows comes from Canada. So say Uncle Sam's weather experts. Until today, its center was over Alberta and Saskatchewan. <sup>But now it has flown</sup> ~~But today it flew~~ southeast and its main force will fall over the Great Lakes. From there it will sweep towards the Atlantic coast which at present is <sup>merely</sup> ~~only~~ getting the fringes of the storm. *So snow, lots of it, is in the air.*

PLANE CRASH

Tragedy flew on wings in South America today. An  
army airplane crashed near the frontier between Brazil and  
Uruguay, and every soul aboard was killed, <sup>— nine persons.</sup> It was an Argentinian  
plane and one of those killed was the son of Argentina's President  
Justo. It crashed in a country that has recently been devastated  
by floods. <sup>H</sup> Two planes flew to the rescue and, according to one  
report, they came to grief also. <sup>This</sup> ~~That report~~ has not yet been  
confirmed.

~~Later reports brought word that nine people perished.~~

## ACCIDENT

A sad tale from Ohio would tend to confirm the ideas of people who believe that there can be such a thing as a prophetic dream. A lady who lives in Dennison, Ohio, dreamed that her husband had been killed in a motor car accident. <sup>Whereupon</sup> ~~At that~~ she wrote to him ~~the~~ <sup>away</sup> and told him about ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> dream.

Today, driving along the highway near Steubenville, Ohio, his car crashed into a truck trailer and he was mortally injured. In his pocket was found that letter from his wife.

BLONDES

A severe shock was administered today to ladies in England who have made themselves blondes with the aid of the drug store. In the future they can get no more jobs ~~wh~~ as waitresses, maids or hostesses in hotels and boarding houses. Such is the decision of the British Hotel and Boarding House Association.

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The organization turns thumbs down on the artificial blondes not for aesthetic but for practical reasons. "They flirt better than they work," is the dictum of England's hotel-keepers. And, adding insult to injury, the announcement says ~~that~~ "the one purpose in their minds is running after men."

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And so-long until tomorrow.