

ECAUDOR

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We've been hearing about gloomy disturbances all over the world. Well, Here's a picturesque South American Revolution for a change.

In Ecuador, the government seems to have put down the revolt that broke out last night - suppressed it at least for the time being. It was one of those melodramatic South American affairs, with all sorts of liveliness and color.

They've been having a rib-snorting election in Ecuador, and the voting has been going on for a couple of days, with the returns coming in from widely scattered sections. As the figures piled up, they showed presidential candidate Dr. Carlos A. Arroyo Del Rio running well ahead of the field. In second place was former President Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra - and he didn't like second place. He charged fraud, claimed he was being counted out, and plenty of his partisans agreed with him. A number of these partisans were officers of the Ecuadorian air force, and amid wild ~~xxx~~ scenes of electioneering excitement last night Candidate Ibarra led a group of aviators in revolt.

The insurrection never had a chance, apparently.

The Government was ready to march infantry against the aviation officers when a group within the flying corps itself intervened and arrested the rebels. Former President Ibarra was made a

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prisoner, and was taken aboard a warship for safekeeping - and that led to a curious thing. When the insurgent chieftain was brought aboard under heavy guard, he was received with cheers by the crew of the ship. That was a little disturbing, so the crew was removed and another group of sailors took their place.

Tonight, sporadic disturbances are still going on but the government at Quito claims to have crushed the would-be revolution.

FINLAND

In various nations today, there was ^{the same} ~~one~~ news headline, ~~It~~ ^{which} read: - "aid for Finland." Here in our own country ~~the~~ President ~~Roosevelt~~ put the matter up to Congress. He suggested ^{Congressional} that ~~Republican~~ leaders get together on a non-partisan basis and lay plans to help the small republic. Financial help ^{is mentioned.} ~~suggested. The~~ One proposal ^{is: -} ~~to~~ lend Finland sixty million dollars.

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From the Senate, ^a ~~the~~ Republican reply was returned to the White House - saying the President ^{himself} should take the initiative. Senator McNary of Oregon put it this way, "The President," said he, "ought to send specific legislation to Congress, ~~if he wants~~ it, then Congress ought to deal with it in a non-partisan light." ~~The Oregon Senator took the viewpoint that the Administration is in a better position to judge on aid for Finland than Congress.~~

And ^{he added} "The Department of State," ~~said he,~~ "is in a position to know what Finland's needs are, and ^{has} the avenues of approach to the whole problem."

So the question of what to do for Finland seems to be tossed back and forth between the White House and the capitol.

In Paris, a committee of deputies today okayed what is called a comprehensive program for the aid of Finland. The plans are drawn and now are approved - all of which would seem to mean that the hard-fighting nation of the north is scheduled to get effective supplies of war materials from France.

And France figures too in the news about Italian munitions for Finland. Paris reports that Mussolini's government is routing ~~its~~ help through France. There have been reports that Italian munitions shipped via Germany, have been held up by the Nazi Government - Hitler playing the game of his partner Stalin.

Rome is said to have protested to Berlin about this. ~~This~~

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Today ~~was denied by~~ Nazi spokesmen ^{*denied this and*} ~~who~~ stated that no protest of the sort was possible - since Germany has the sole right to say what goods should pass across its territory. But the Paris report insists that there has been a ~~great~~ disagreement between Mussolini and Hitler on the score of help for Finland, and that the Italian armament which had been routed through Germany, was brought back to Italy and now is being re-routed through France.

Italian supplies figure likewise in word from Spain -

the report that ~~XXXXX~~ the Franco Government will send to Finland large quantities of armament which the legions of Mussolini left in Spain, after helping Franco ~~to~~ win the Spanish Civil War.

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One rather sensational report is that Mussolini is trying to get ~~XXXXXX~~ sea and naval bases in the Black Sea - get them from Turkey. The Black Sea is an exceedingly vulnerable spot for the Soviets, and might be used with telling effect if there should be an international move against Stalin. Turkey controls the ^{all important} ~~only port and~~ straits and also the southern coast of the Black Sea. If Turkey would let Mussolini's navy and air force establish war bases on that coast, it could be very awkward for the Soviets.

AVIATION

Today again there was heavy gunfire around the east coast of England - anti-aircraft fire. Once more the sky squadrons of Germany came over, time after time, ~~during the day.~~ London reports they were beaten off - after plenty of shooting. And once more we are told the Nazi warplanes did not drop any bombs - though they attacked some ships, as they did yesterday.

BYRD

Here is a familiar headline -- Little America.

Remember how we used to get news from that place during previous expeditions by Admiral Byrd into Antarctic? Today the wireless flash is that ^{the} new Byrd expedition has reached the ~~R~~ shore of the Antarctic Continent, the Bay of Whales, ~~and is~~ landing at Little America. That's the dispatch the Navy gets.

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The two Byrd ships had a rough time, breaking through the heavy drift ice they encountered. It seems to be unusually icy down there on the South Polar continent, ^{this year.} But they reached their goal and have now begun to work for further exploration on the southern continent, claiming great areas for the United States, ~~a~~ frozen areas said to be rich in mineral ~~next~~ wealth.

DEWEY

The New Jersey Republicans ^{have} got together on one point -
though that doesn't mean the G.O.P. factions have made peace.
The one point of harmony concerns the candidacy of Thomas E. Dewey.
The Jersey Republicans got together today and decided to support
Dewey for the Republican nomination, voted to send a delegation
pledged to him to the Republican National Convention.

Aside from that, the factions are still fighting -
the group led by former Governor Harold Hoffman, who is out for
the nomination for Governor, and the ~~State government~~ factions
led by Arthur T. Vanderbilt. So far as the nomination for Governor
is concerned, they are still battling, but they're agreed about the
G.O.P. choice for the presidency - ^{--Tom} Dewey.

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There was some sensational testimony today before the House Committee which is investigating the National Labor Relations Board. It ~~XXXXX~~ made a charge against Homer Martin, President of one faction of the United Automobile Workers, the A. F. of L. faction. The ~~state~~ment was that Martin took money from officials ~~of~~ the Ford Company. An affidavit to the ^{ie} effect was made by Harry A. Elder who used to be an official of the Auto Workers Union. He quotes Martin as saying that he got money from Ford officials and without it would not have been able to run the Union.

And the affidavit adds this bit. The statement that Father Coughlin gets the support of Henry Ford. Here are the words ^{the} witness uses: - ^{says he,} ~~he used,~~ "On a couple of occasions," ~~declares the testimony of the~~ ~~witness,~~ "Martin told me that Henry Ford is behind Father Coughlin."

MINE

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Last reports of the mine disaster at Bartley, West Virginia state that thirty-nine bodies have been recovered thus far -- from the deep ~~mine~~ black pit where the deadly explosion occurred. Ninety-one ^{were} ~~are~~ missing, and there is hardly any hope that a single one has survived. Reports of the rescue parties indicate that the explosion was so terrific that the miners must have been killed instantly. The blast ^{so violent} ~~was so terrific~~ that steel rails were twisted like paper, and a coal loading machine weighing as much as three tons ~~was~~ blown for a distance of sixty feet.

HOSPITAL

Today brings an end to the strike of doctors at Sydenham Hospital in New York. It was all caused by a dispute between a group of the hospital physicians and the new president of the institution - Gustavus A. Rogers, a lawyer who took charge when he made a fat donation. The medicoes claimed that they were submitted to dictation by a kind of hospital manager who didn't know the difference between myocarditis and the hives. So there was what the lawyer-president called - "a medical mutiny."

Mutiny is a strong word, mates, and you'd hardly expect such a violent terms to be applied to such scientific gentlemen as doctors. However, we are told today, in the ~~height of the~~ height of the hospital excitement, there was an argument between two head surgeons, one for and one against the new management, and they say it is still undecided exactly how Dr. Julius Jarcho got his ribs broken. He was engaged in scientific controversy with Dr. Alfred Hellman. And one story is that Dr. Hellman socked Dr. Jarcho in the ribs so hard that he busted a couple of them. Another milder version says that Dr. Hellman was passing Dr. Jarcho and accidentally brushed him with his elbow. It is

quite an elbow brush that breaks ribs.

However, today the hospital mutiny is all over. The whole argument went to a vote of all the physicians on the hospital staff, and it turned out that a large majority of them are in favor of the new administration. They voted an emphatic okay for the lawyer who donated the cash and became the hospital president.

POLL

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The motion picture poll just conducted puts emphasis
on the new and elevated status of British films. The magazine
FILM DAILY held a straw vote among five hundred odd motion
picture critics all over the country - selecting the ten best
features of the year. (First and third places were taken by
pictures produced in England. Number one - "Good-bye Mr. Chips."
Number three - "Pygmalion." And fourth position goes to
"Wuthering Heights," which is American-produced - but its theme
is ultra-British, ^{with the} ~~the~~ mid-Victorian tears and sentiment of
Emily Bronte'.

GENIUS

At Hamilton, Ontario, today, a robber was sent to prison with words of high praise. Encomium, in fact. The judge sentencing him to the hoosgow for two years, said he was a genius, spoke in rapturous terms of his talent, his gifts of mind. The only trouble being that the burglar is what they call - a "misdirected genius."

The judge, in imposing sentence, called attention to the fact that Alex Zölómy has invented a new type of explosive. In laboratory experiments he has devised a new kind of high compression motor fuel, and recently he created a new type of rifle bullet, which right now is being tested by experts of the Canadian government. They say that Zolomy's newly invented bullet has a tremendous penetrating force and may revolutionize army rifle practice.

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The "misdirected" part of Zolomy's genius is indicated by the following:- He pleaded guilty today to a whole string of burglaries. His mechanical gifts enabled him to break into almost any place - with special emphasis on the technological art of safe-cracking. Against him are a number of charges of

automobile theft. No car was safe from him.

And he's good at counterfeiting - the kind of crime which requires a maximum of scientific skill. His record includes at least one prison escape - neither locks nor ~~bolts~~

bolts could hold the wizard of invention. When arrested, he was found to have a crime laboratory, including a fantastic

stock of high explosives. There he experimented with new ^{brands of} ~~ways~~ ~~of robbery.~~ scientific crime.

The judge, in giving Zolomy a two-year sentence, expressed ^{it} in terms of moral education, a chance to straighten ^{for the scientific crooks} out his brilliant talent^s and give the right direction to his misdirected genius. The judge said to Zolomy:- "You will spend most of your life behind prison bars if you insist in your evil career." Then he went on to predict what he called a bright future for the convict, if, as he told him, "you will use your skill and knowledge along the right lines."

QUINTS

The question of the quintuplets at the New York World's Fair is involved in doubt and contradiction. Mayor LaGuardia announced today - they'll^l be there. "Practically arranged," said he - arranged for the five ~~xxxx~~ simultaneous girls to be on exhibition at New York's extravaganza next year.

And here the Mayor went into details. The quint^s, ^{said} ^{he} will take the place of the Soviet Russian pavilion, which is being torn down. The Fair visitors will behold the quintuplet babes, instead of "Big Joe"- as New Yorkers nicknamed the monster figure of the Communist worker, which towered so high. A lot of people will think it a good swap to have Emily, Yvonne, Marie, Cecile, ~~xxxxxx~~ and Annette, instead of Big Joe.

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Mayor LaGuardia explains that on the ^{site} ~~site~~ of the Soviet pavilion they'll build a replica of the quintuplets' home at Callander, Ontario - exactly the same. The public ^{will} ~~would~~ see the quint^s, but the quint^s ^{want} ~~would not~~ see the public. That bit of magic would be accomplished by the use of one-way glass, the kind you can see through from one side and not from the other. Of course it would be a serious mistake if they were accidentally to reverse the glass, so that the public could not see the quint^s

while the quint's could see the public. But I suppose they'll be careful about that. Admissions will be charged - the proceeds to go to the Canadian Red Cross for War Relief.

It all sounds promising, the only trouble being that nothing comes from Canada except denials. ~~Judge Valin, Chairman of the Board of Guardians, today expressed his view in two words - "emphatically opposed."~~ Judge Valin, Chairman of the Board of Guardians, today expressed his view in two words - "emphatically opposed." Dr. Dafoe, the quint's physician, is also ~~opposed to~~ ^{agin'} the idea of showing the Famous Five in New York.

What about Papa Dionne? He has been said to be in favor of the project. Today, however, in commenting upon the statement made by Mayor LaGuardia, Papa Dionne replies with these words:-

"Nothing whatever has been arranged, and probably nothing will be."

There seems to be ~~quite~~ a bit of confusion, and maybe the World's Fair won't get the quint's after all. In that case, the ^{Mayor} might decide to ~~set Big Joe~~ ^{take} back ~~Big Joe~~ ^{Big Joe}, eh Hugh?

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